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OUR contemporary, the *Canadian Craftsman*, seems to us to lay far too much stress on Bro. GRAHAM's argument anent exclusive sovereignty of Masonic jurisdiction, as he calls it, which he obtains from an entire misreading of one of the older regulations which is incorporated in our Book of Constitutions. We almost wonder that our contemporary does not see that that is a regulation “quoad” the Grand Lodge only, and does not affect the question of territorial jurisdiction, which in America has become, as they say, mixed up with exclusive sovereignty. Originally, it simply was meant to act compulsorily on lodges like those of Swalwell, which did not acknowledge for some time the Grand Lodge of 1717, and were actually without charters of any kind apparently. Now, of course, it is a necessary accompaniment of Masonic legislation, inasmuch as it limits and defines the right and status of those who claim to have seats in Grand Lodge on account of their lodge membership. It is, in fact, a regulation affecting both the membership and privileges of those who profess to form the Grand Lodge. There are two lodges, and only two now, which are recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, acting from immemorial constitution; all the other lodges on its roll are duly warranted and registered, as, indeed, both the Lodge of Antiquity and Somerset House Lodge are registered on the list of the Grand Lodge, though they act from immemorial usage. But this law does not affect the question of territorial jurisdiction at all. We were quite astonished at our able Bro. GRAHAM deriving such an argument from words which deal with an entirely different state of affairs and facts, and are still more so at our contemporary endorsing such a straining of the QUEEN'S English.

THE question of territorial jurisdiction is, no doubt, a very difficult and delicate one, and which requires careful and judicious handling, but from first to last the action of the English Grand Lodge has been both clear and consistent on the point. Originally, warrants and charters were sought for from the English Grand Lodge in unoccupied countries, and gradually many of those bodies, which drew their life and birth from England, and England alone, declared themselves independent of their mother Grand Lodge. Some bodies, too, which were only private lodges, without any principle of representation or aggregation, equally declared themselves Grand Lodges, though, strictly speaking, they could hardly be, and are not Grand Lodges except now by the user, so to say, of long sufferance. The old Roman Gild law applies here, “Tres faciunt Collegium,” and so three lodges, at the least, must constitute a Grand Lodge. In America some of the State Grand Lodges hail from Scotland, so that the uniform descent from the English Grand Lodge is not maintained in the United States. In England we once had two Grand Lodges in active operation, and, from one or other of them, all American and Canadian Grand Lodges come. There were also the recognized Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. The York Grand Lodge never gave colonial or foreign warrants, as far as we know; and the famous old Lodge of Antiquity, the Quondam Grand Lodge south of the Trent, as an emanation of the G.L. of York, never got into working order, though it was formed. We wonder that Bro. GRAHAM and the *Canadian Craftsman* do not see that the constitutions they refer to only relate to the internal government of Grand Lodge and its private lodges, and do not touch upon jurisdictional questions. In the last century neither the modern nor ancient Grand Lodge ever denied, as far as we are aware, the equity of their respective constitution of lodges and Provincial Grand Lodges, and as one by one in independent countries the Masonic bodies claimed to have a Masonic jurisdiction contemporary with the political, the Grand Lodge of England has wisely conceded the point. But in Canada the case is a little different. We were not aware that the province of Quebec claimed to be a sovereign state, like an American state, co-equal with every other; and though, considering the expanse of country in the Canadas, we should not be surprised at the various governments with legislation asking for a Grand Lodge,

yet it is quite clear that they do not stand, with due deference to them be it said, on the same ground as independent territorial jurisdictions, Supreme Sovereign States. It is, however, probably a needless question to raise; the only thing we are concerned with is the absolute “bona fides” of the Grand Lodge of England. Had the Grand Lodge of Quebec been wise, and we feel sure that even now it is, their best policy,—if we were living in Quebec we should ourselves urge it upon this Grand Lodge,—it would at once enter into a friendly concordat with the Grand Lodge of England, leaving it to time to settle the points as regards the English lodges in Quebec. The English mind is essentially practical, as no one knows better than Bro. GRAHAM, and a “bargain's a bargain” is a popular and cherished English proverb. What was settled with the Grand Lodge of Canada cannot be unsettled by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which was not a party to the original compact. They took the position, by a well-known principle of equity, with its obligations, and we feel convinced that they will probably expedite the object they have in view if they at once place themselves in friendly communication with the Grand Lodge of England, leaving the settlement of the controversy, as the GRAND SECRETARY has so wisely recommended them, alone to the efflux of time; any other course will speedily land them in serious and lasting difficulties.

IN England we shall all, as Craft Masons, fully recognize the position taken up by Bro. Col. MACLEOD MOORE, as Grand Prior of the Templar organization, acting under a patent of H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER of that distinguished body. It is quite clear that any so-called attempted formation of an independent body will be an illegal one by their laws and the laws of Craft Masonry. We regret to note this tendency just now, as we always fear that these impatient movements emanate from a few restless, busy, self-estimating men, anxious for distinction and notoriety, the tinsel show of brief authority, forgetting that nothing is so bad for society and the world as this repudiation of old established formulæ, this schism from lawfully constituted and supreme bodies.

WE were very glad a short time back to hear from a very able and distinguished brother from New Zealand that the large majority of the New Zealand brethren were loyal to their English Mother Grand Lodge, and were in no ways wishful to sever the links which bound them to the most venerable and distinguished Masonic organization in existence. We have always regretted the extreme facility with which both American and Canadian bodies have recognized the absolutely illegal formation in New South Wales, without carefully looking into the question; and had they only kept before them the points so lucidly set forth by our GRAND REGISTRAR in Grand Lodge, that safe and careful adviser on all such topics of our Craft, they would have avoided falling into a mistake which sets at defiance all Masonic precedents, and affords a very wide loop-hole for clandestine Freemasonry.

OUR lodge reports, in various tones and tacts, week by week, after all admirably represent the passing temper of the times we live in of current English Freemasonry, and we rejoice to note the uniform witness they ever bear to the harmonious feelings and zealous efforts of our ever loyal, sympathetic and charitable Craft.

IT seems that there is a little weekly professedly humorous paper, published at Bradford, in Yorkshire, called *The Yorkshireman*, and which has reached to its 188th number, vol. xiii. It devotes its weekly illustration, which it appears is not original, however, to the ridicule of the “Humbug of Freemasonry.” We cannot say honestly either that the drawing itself represents a very high standard of æsthetic art or a genial pen, and seems to us, on the contrary, very feeble and very absurd. It ridicules Freemasonry for want of charity to the widow. And this in a town where exists a certain lodge called the Lodge of Hope, among others, which is most noteworthy for its noble efforts for the Masonic Charities and the “widows.” We can recall the time when, with a band of good men and true, second to none as workers in Masonry and supporters of the Charities, the efforts of the Lodge of Hope were unceasing and their offerings most liberal, even striking. Many of these genial and hearty brethren are, alas, no longer to the fore, but some happily still remain who could a tale unfold, if only they would, of ceaseless devotion and disinterested sacrifices for the best of all causes—Charity. It is astonishing to realize sometimes what an amount of ignorance still lingers in the mind of the foolish fanatic who attacks or depreciates Freemasonry. We should have thought that the return of £43,000 for our great metropolitan Masonic Charities

annually might convince the gainsaying and rebuke the petulant. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is granting £11,000 per annum in annuities to decayed Freemasons and their widows, and if the ingenious linner who has so caricatured Freemasonry wishes for any enlightenment on this point, we feel sure that Bro. JAMES TERRY, No. 4, Freemasons' Hall, the indefatigable Secretary of the Institution, will cheerfully afford him all information on the subject, so much so as probably to make him rub his eyes with astonishment at what he hears of the charitable doings of Masons, and feel some regret that he has so idly affected to laugh at a peaceful, a loyal, and a beneficent Fraternity. We think that an apology is due to those many worthy brethren of ours at Bradford who have been thus foolishly ridiculed and perversely caricatured. At the same time we feel bound to say this, we do not suppose that for one moment that the Bradford Freemasons will care the least about it, and will, in fact, only laugh at a secondhand and childish cartoon, which is, we understand, two years old.

WE think that Mrs. GARFIELD's reply to the vote of condolence from West Yorkshire is both very touching and appropriate. Such proofs of sympathetic interest alike do credit to Masonic principles in the abstract, and well exemplify Masonic reality in the concrete.

WE call attention to an extract from the *Times* of Tuesday last elsewhere, in which the existence of nine time immemorial lodges under the English Constitution is asserted. Perhaps Bro. GOULD can enlighten us as to the fact. We are ourselves ignorant of it, since, as far as we know, there are only two. The loss of a charter does not, we may remark, constitute a time immemorial lodge.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Supreme Grand Chapter on Wednesday the 1st February next:—

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th October, 1881, to the 17th January, 1882, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£140 12 7	By Disbursements during	
„ Balance Unappropriated		the Quarter	£181 15 5
Account	197 8 7	„ Balance	1620 3 1
„ Subsequent Receipts	347 3 11	„ „ in Unappropriated	
		Account	183 6 5
	£195 4 11		£195 4 11

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Comps. William Henry Maybury as Z.; William Lambert, as H.; Charles Michael Walsh Cropper, as J.; and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Goulburn Lodge of Australia, No. 1762, Goulburn, N.S.W., to be called "The Goulburn Chapter of Australia," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, Goulburn, New South Wales.

2nd. From Comps. George Septimus Phillips, as Z.; John Collins, as H.; William Treadell, as J.; and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 502, Rugby, to be called the Chapter of Rectitude, and to meet at the Town Hall, Rugby, Warwickshire.

3rd. From Comps. William Vincent, as Z.; Henry James Johnson, as H.; John Galt Fisher as J.; and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, London, to be called the Eccleston Chapter, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

The Committee have also received a Petition from the Principals and Members of the Stanhope Chapter, 1266, Annerley, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original Charter being lost.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee also recommend that the Rules and Regulations relative to Centenary Warrants and Jewels now in force in the United Grand Lodge of England be adopted by the Supreme Grand Chapter; and that Chapters who can prove their uninterrupted existence for one hundred years be granted Centenary Charters, with permission to wear a distinctive Jewel of uniform design, and that the fees payable by Chapters for such Charter be Five Guineas.

The Grand Lodge having recently resolved that three additional Offices should be created therein;—The Committee recommend that in conformity with this arrangement,—and as the Offices in Grand Chapter have hitherto numbered somewhat less than in Grand Lodge,—four additional Offices be now created in Grand Chapter to be named:—Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; 2nd. Grand Standard Bearer; 3rd. Grand Standard Bearer; 4th. Grand Standard Bearer.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, P.G. Pr. Soj., Grand Treasurer,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
18th January, 1882.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, and Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution in the chair. There were also present Bros. Joshua Nunn, Col. James Peters, Frank Richardson, J. J. Caney, H. A. Dabois, J. H. Lane, Arthur E. Gladwell, F. R. W. Hodges, Secretary, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed, and those of the Quarterly Committee of January, the House Committee, and

Audit Committee read for information, authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques.

Authority was given to the Secretary to allow a late architect of the Institution to see some accounts he desired to see.

The Committee then adjourned.

CONSECRATION OF THE SOUTHGATE LODGE, No. 1950.

This new North London Lodge was consecrated on Thursday week, at the Railway Hotel, New Southgate, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Grand Chaplain; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; Henry G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; and Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D. and P.G.S., as Director of Ceremonies.

The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Edward Seaman, P.M. 619, who was assisted by Bros. E. Moss, T. Tremere, W. A. Frost, and James Kift. Bro. Kift presided at the pianoforte.

Amongst the brethren present were—

Bros. J. H. Scott, P.G.D., D.G.M. for Sussex; R. Pearcey, P.M. 228; A. J. Berry, Sec. 1695; R. P. Davies, S.W. 1695; John Baker, 1471; Edwin Moss, S.W. 1929; A. W. Fenner, P.M. 1227; James Kift, 1791; J. Woodman, 209; S. J. Byng, P.M. 902; J. F. Rothschild, 1288; Frank Rothschild, 1281, W.M. 1677; J. Eldridge, P.M. 167; T. Tremere, S.W. 1929; W. A. Frost, 1728; J. W. Forge, 610; W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211; H. Hollis, P.M. 167; G. Tidcombe, P.M. 1549; W. Lewis, Steward, 1385; A. Ginger, P.M. 901; William Waller, 901; F. J. Dunford, 186; J. Osborn, W.M. 1692; Edward Seaman, P.M. 619; R. Birkett, 569; J. A. James, S.W. 1766; A. Macpherson, 354 (S.C.); H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; Robert P. Forge, 619; H. Hall, S.W. 1693; Francis H. Tibbitts, Arthur Hancock, W. Harrison, 1766; A. Lefeber, A. H. Trewnard, E. Woodman, F. Matthews, R. Butcher, J. Cooper, J. J. Pattenes, P.M. 1678, and J. J. Whitmarsh.

After the lodge had been opened, Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE addressed a few introductory observations to the brethren, in which he expressed his great pleasure at attending, with other Grand Officers, to consecrate a new lodge, the petitioners for which he well knew would do their best to conduct the affairs of the lodge in a truly Masonic spirit. He also observed that at the present time very few petitions were being granted for the London district, and therefore it was the more pleasing to have to consecrate a new lodge. He hoped to see the lodge flourish and become an ornament to the Order. He advised the lodge to be careful in the admission of members, as it was very easy to make them, but very difficult to get rid of them.

By direction of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Bro. the Rev. AMBROSE W. HALL, G.C., then delivered the following oration:—The consecration of another lodge to-day reminds us forcibly of the great increase of our Order. It is making rapid strides—some say, too rapid, and where will it end? Certainly we should look on with anxiety for their prosperity, as lodge after lodge springs up around us; with anxiety, but with hope that they will fulfil the purposes of their creation. I am not one of those who fear for the end, being assured that the Great Architect permits it because the principles of Freemasonry inculcate those blessed virtues which will insure His favour to the children of men. And if the cause is good, the more it penetrates to the north, south, east, and west, the more will it carry with it good tidings to the faithful and obedient of the human races. It is always a pleasure to the consecrating chaplain to know that he is working in a good cause, and in this position I hail your undertaking; and I feel additional gratification in assisting at the upraising of the Southgate Lodge, because I think that those who are to be its supporters are coming forward with the feelings of a father at the birth of his firstborn, and I trust, with a prayer to the Great Architect to enable them to look upon their lodge as a child of their own creation, to be cherished and watched over by the aid of the beautiful teachings we possess, and to be guided by those ancient rules and regulations which, throughout all ages, have been the supports of good Masons, and which will establish you and your lodge on the pinnacle of Masonic fame—a beacon light to the brethren, a comfort to the afflicted, and a blessing to yourselves, until the world and its pomps, "like the baseless fabric of a vision," shall dissolve, and your lodge merge in the Grand Lodge above, when, we trust, the better parts of our Masonic teaching will become, under the Divine will, the source of our happiness in the Almighty's heavenly temple. To-day, according to ancient custom, I have to address you upon the nature and principles of Freemasonry. The great duties arising out of these you are now, no doubt, fully conversant with; still, a few words from me on so important an occasion as the consecration of the Southgate Lodge cannot be out of place, and I will now ask your attention to a brief explanation of the responsibilities they entail upon you. First, for the Nature of Freemasonry. What is it? It is a moral system illustrated by symbols, bidding us not forget the most sublime truths in the midst of our social pleasures; a system which guides us in the paths of science, and to the practice of virtue, teaching us the most valuable moral lessons incumbent on all men. And now, and in the second place, for a few words upon the Three Great Principles of our Order. The first, Brotherly Love, is the great bond by which all Masons are united. This must be pure in profession and practice, and it will ennoble your nature, and, at last, conduct you to the Eternal Grand Lodge, where you will find perfect wisdom and perfect happiness. The second Great Principle is Relief, the glory and foundation of our ancient institution. Nor has this Great Principle been forgotten by us; witness our noble charities for those who need our care—the Girls' School, the Boys' School, the Benevolent Asylum for the aged and infirm; and these, upon your opening day, I earnestly commend to your notice. In the future of your lodge do not forget to help them by all means in your power. You are told, upon the highest authority, that, "Freely ye have received, and freely ye are to give;" you are told again that "Whosoever shall give a cup of cold water, even, to one of these little ones, verily he shall in no wise lose his reward." These charities are bright jewels in our Masonic crown; and the Mason who possesses the virtue of Charity in its true sense may justly be said to have his foot on the second step of the Masonic ladder, and to have fulfilled that precept which says, "He that loveth God should love his brothers also." And now a word or two upon our third Great Principle, Truth. This is a virtue which involves the peace and welfare of us all, and especially in Masons. Make, therefore, the principles of Truth the guide of all your actions. One of the first lessons that we learn is "to be good men and true." Avoid, therefore, deceit and guile; be plain and straightforward in your dealings; and with heart and tongue unite in rejoicing with those who rejoice, and sympathising with those who mourn. Such, my brethren are the Three Great Principles of our Order; may you, as a lodge, ever

be under their blessed influence, and receive that happiness which their teaching will produce. There was a time, ages and ages ago, when God said, "Let there be light! and there was light." But upon what did it shine? Upon a dark and unformed mass which we now call earth. And that light, called forth by the Great Architect, permeated all creation; and the dark mass began to flow, and living things began to move upon it; and then God made man, we are told, beautiful and perfect, and in His own image. And then dark days came again through man's want of obedience; but through all God never forgot His light, and showered it down from time to time, sometimes more dimly than at others, but always there was light after He had said it—until He Himself permitted our great prototype, King Solomon to build the Temple, from which we date our origin. And there He dwelt, the true Shekinah, on the Ark of the Covenant, between the cherubims, in the Holy of Holies. And "the people that walked in darkness saw a great light." Now, brethren, I don't for one moment mean to say that you have been walking in darkness, for from the time of your birth light has been shining upon you, and from the time of building the Temple Masonic brightness has been ours. Its beams have radiated upon many hundreds of Masonic bodies, and to-day one of them is about to fall upon your new lodge, and that beam is to be kept in all its brightness by its members: it will become dim if you neglect your duties, and will burn again with splendour if you fulfil them. Be careful, therefore, always to keep the lamp trimmed, so that whenever the Great Architect may come to reckon with you, you may be ready, like certain virgins of old, who took oil in their lamps, and not like those whose lamps had gone out when the Bridegroom came. The lights you have to keep burning are those great truths and teachings you received when you were initiated, passed, and raised; the oil you have to feed it with are the beautiful tenets and principles which it has been my privilege to-day to bring before your notice. May you cherish these so that your new lodge, as a body, may exemplify "brotherly love," "relief," and "truth," and each member of it fulfil his social duties to the credit of your new society and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. And now, brethren, for your attention receive my thanks. For your future success and happiness receive my hearty good wishes. May the principles of our Order go with you, and you will never be wrong; choose your joining members carefully; and if difficulties or opposition should spring up avoid bitter words—be pitiful, be courteous. Life is far too short for anything but goodwill. If you see faults in any brother, seek to hide them; try to win his heart with gentle words, for by this divided friendship has oftentimes been united.

Do all the good you can,
Be not severe upon another's faults,
Remember the heart's the man.

The customary formalities were then observed, and the lodge was duly consecrated and dedicated to Freemasonry. Bro. Robert P. Forge, 619, was presented to Col. Shadwell H. Clerke to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Having complied with the requisite conditions, Bro. Forge was thereupon installed and saluted according to ancient custom, and the following brethren were appointed and invested as his officers for the year: Bros. Francis H. Tibbitts, S.W.; Arthur Hancock, J.W.; A. Lefebvre, Treas.; Alfred Trevinnard, P.M. 1603, Sec.; E. Woodman, S.D.; F. Matthews, J.D.; R. Butcher, I.G.; Henry Sadler, P.M. 147, M.C.; J. Cooper, and J. J. Whitmarsh, Stewards.

Votes of thanks and the honorary membership of the lodge were afterwards passed to the consecrating officers: Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, G. Chap.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; Henry G. Buss, Assist. G. Sec.; and Frank Richardson, P.G.D.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, on behalf of himself and the other Grand Officers, thanked the brethren for the compliment paid to them, and assured them of the great gratification it had been to himself to aid in bringing this lodge into existence. He wished the lodge every success, and congratulated the brethren on having secured such a desirable home for their meetings. Propositions for initiation and joining were then given in, and the lodge was closed.

The furniture and appointments of the new lodge appeared to be of the first order, and, with a few exceptions, were presented by the founders. A very handsome Bible cushion, which was much admired, was made by Mrs. Tidcombe, of Bushey, and presented to the lodge by Bro. Geo. Tidcombe, P.P.D.C. Middlesex, who was amongst the visitors, and who kindly acted as I.G. during the Consecration ceremony.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent repast, the *menu* for which contained all the delicacies of the season. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. the Rev. AMBROSE W. HALL, G. Chap., responded to that part of the toast which referred to the present Grand Officers, and from his acquaintance with these distinguished brethren could testify to the interest they took in all matters relating to the Craft. He was happy to see this new lodge consecrated, and felt assured from the kind of brethren who belonged to it that it would be admirably conducted, and that it would become a most successful lodge. He felt assured that nothing would be wanting on the part of its present members to endeavour to lead it to a happy and glorious issue.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.D., who had been called upon by the W.M. to reply on behalf of "The Past Grand Officers," said he was undoubtedly the oldest member of Grand Lodge who was present. He was proud of the compliment that had been paid to him and other Grand Officers in making him an honorary member of the Southgate Lodge. Always feeling an interest in Masonry, it was to him a source of pleasure when brethren who had sincerely the good of the Craft at heart projected a new lodge, and he was glad that some good and true brethren had come forward to start a lodge in a locality with which some years back he had some acquaintance. Some time ago he lived in a cottage in the neighbourhood, but many changes had occurred since then, and he feared he should not be able to find a trace of the spot he referred to. The lodge having started he wished it all prosperity, and he did not doubt it would show itself worthy of the confidence reposed in the petitioners by the M.W. Grand Master.

In giving the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," the W.M. stated that the brethren must all have been gratified with the way in which the consecration ceremony had been performed, and as many of them had seen the ceremony before, they were well able to judge of the ability displayed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.

The GRAND SECRETARY, in reply, said he could only reiterate what he had said in the lodge. The lodge seemed to be imbued with the true fraternal spirit, and the brethren composing it gave it all the elements of success. He repeated that difficulties existed in the present day in obtaining warrants for new lodges in the Metropolitan district, and it was only in those cases

where the necessity for them, and other good causes were shown, that the warrants were granted. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke said that he had been in every way much gratified with the result of the day's proceedings, and from what he had seen, and from what he knew of the W.M., he felt confidence in his ability. Bro. Forge had obtained his knowledge in, certainly, two lodges, and was appointed Treasurer to one he (Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke) consecrated two months since.

In reply, the W.M. said, after thanking Grand Secretary for his complimentary remarks, that, with the assistance of several friends, he had applied for a warrant for the Southgate Lodge. Happily, they had been successful, and it was now their duty to strive to make the lodge one of the best in the metropolitan district. With an earnest desire on his own part to do so, and with the loyal aid of the other brethren associated with him, he felt sure their labours would not be in vain.

Bro. SCOTT, Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Sussex, in reply to the toast of "The Visitors," referred to the Grand Secretary's remark in the lodge, that it was very easy to make members but very difficult to get rid of them should they turn out discreditable, and he advised the brethren to give heed to the remark. Knowing the brethren, he felt no anxiety on this head. With reference to Bro. H. Sadler, he remarked that that brother was one of the best workers in the Craft, and any lodge might consider itself fortunate in having secured his co-operation.

Bro. R. P. DAVIES, of the recommending lodge, No. 1605, New Finsbury Park Lodge, drew the attention of the brethren to the great progress that was being made in the immediate district, and based upon that fact the existence of a necessity for a lodge there.

"The Charities" and "The Press" were the next toasts.

Bro. W. W. MORGAN, in replying for the latter toast, observed that there were many calls just now on the secretaries of the several Institutions of the Order. He thanked the W.M. for having offered to become Steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and urged the brethren generously to support their W.M. in his Stewardship. For himself, he could not but be gratified at the reception given to the toast of "The Press" and the complimentary remarks of the W.M.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Officers," to which those brethren in a few well chosen sentences severally responded, the J.W. creating much merriment by some humorous reference to the excellency of the accommodation at the large building over the way (Colney Hatch Asylum); and Bro. E. SEAMAN replied to a toast proposed in honour of the musical arrangements.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

INAUGURATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT GATESHEAD.

In the columns of this journal, on April 2nd, last year, we reported the proceedings in connection with the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Gateshead Industry Masonic Hall, and it is now our pleasing duty to report the opening ceremony on the removal of the Lodge of Industry, No. 48, to the premises, which took place on Monday evening, the 23rd inst.

We have previously described the proportions of the building, both externally and internally, which has been erected in a most substantial manner, and to the entire satisfaction of the directors of the Masonic Hall Company, from the designs of Bro. A. M. Fowler, late Borough Surveyor of Newcastle, by Messrs. T. and K. Lamb, of Gateshead. The internal arrangements are eminently satisfactory, and reflect great credit to everyone concerned in the erection and completion thereof. We congratulate the members of this old lodge on the acquisition of such an excellent and permanent place of abode, after many vicissitudes and changes of residence since the removal of the lodge from Swalwell in the year 1845.

The Industry was an operative lodge, and was established by Sir Ambrose Crowley, at Swalwell, prior to the seventeenth century, where the meetings were held regularly for upwards of 150 years, until it was removed to Gateshead, as just mentioned.

The furnishings of the new lodge are most elaborate and complete, and the Finance Committee are to be complimented on their devotion and attention in the responsibilities of combining a *tout ensemble* satisfactory to all concerned. The windows are glazed with variegated cathedral glass, of two shades in green. Those in the lodge-room have centres of stained floral designs, which greatly enhance the beauty of the decorations on the ceilings and sides of the room. The ceiling is picked out with a delicate green tint, and the colours of the walls are of a greyish hue. The seats placed around the room are raised, and covered with crimson cloth. The dais is of oval form, and larger than is usually seen; its dimensions being 36 feet by 10 feet, by 1 foot 6 high. It is approached by two steps, each 6 inches high. The dais is covered with Brussels carpet of a bright colour, and there is also a handsome Brussels carpet, of a darker pattern, in the body of the hall. The two massive Scagliola marble columns, presented to the lodge many years ago by the late Earl of Durham, a P.G.M. of the province, are placed in such a position as to give due effect to the other furnishings. From the ceiling are suspended two massive and handsome brass chandeliers, and burnished to suit, while the side-lights set off the lower portions of the room in an equally effective manner. The carpets, curtains, linoleum for banqueting and ante-rooms, &c., have been supplied by Messrs. Snowball, Son and Co., of Gateshead.

The brethren assembled at seven o'clock p.m., when the lodge was opened by the W.M. (Bro. J. G. Smith), assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. Robert Whitfield, P.M., as I.P.M.; Edward Liddell, S.W.; E. W. Middlemast, J.W.; Rev. Samuel Atkinson, Chap.; W. Brewis Elsdon, Treas.; R. F. Cook, P.M., D.C.; Adamson Rhagg, Sec.; John Moul, S.D.; W. M. Pybus, J.D.; William Dalrymple, as I.G.; W. P. Raeburn, S.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. There was a capital muster of brethren of the lodge and of visitors, amongst whom we saw Bros. M. Corbett, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; Jas. McCulloch, P.M., P.J.G.W.; M. H. Dodds, P.M.; R. Wightman, P.M.; J. T. Corking, W. Whitfield, W. F. Carmon, W. Brown, J. Scott, R. Brason, R. Tate, J. Snowdon, Geo. Parker, A. Simpson, R. Locke, J. G. Waddington, J. G. Joicey, J. A. Dixon, J. R. Bewley, J. H. Rowell, W. F. Brown, J. J. Davison, Thos. Lamb, J. T. Harrison, G. G. Davidson, T. Campbell, R. Hudson, P.M., P.G.D.C. Durham; Jos. Cook, P.M. 481, P.P.S.G.W.; John Duckett, P.M. 481, P.G.J.D.; T. Anderson, P.M. 1712, P.G. Treas.; W. Cooper, P.M. 1542, P.P.J.G.D.; S. W. Cockburn, P.M. 24, P.G.S.W. Northumberland; C. McNamara, S.W. 97; G. T. Leatham, 124; J. Walker, 124; David Whitehead, 124; John Hutton, 124; G. H. Welch, 124; G. F. Charlton, W.M. 1664; D. G. Anderson, S.W. 1664; T. Dinning, J.D. 481; T. S. Wraith, P.M. 424 and 1643; J. Probert, P.M. 424; W. Eckford, W.M. 1643; W. M. Bell, P.M. 1557; W. Smith, S.W. 1342; J. Page, P.M. 406; R. C. Symonds, W.M. 1626; H. Usher,

W.M. 541; G. Ridley, W.M. 991; T. Sharp, P.M. 97; T. V. Smith, P.M. 991; A. M. Balfour, W.M. 24; H. S. Bird, J.W. 1664; and others.

A dedicatory prayer was offered by the Chaplain, afterwards an opening ode was sung by the brethren. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. John Frederick Corbett and George Innes Scott, who were both duly elected. The nomination of Treasurer, Finance Committee, Organist, and Tyler for ensuing year followed, after which the names of the brethren eligible for the chair were read, according to rule.

Bro. R. B. REED, P.M. (Chairman of the Industry Masonic Hall Co.), then rose, and gave a hearty welcome to the W.M. and brethren as tenants of the Company, and wished the old lodge increased prosperity and greater success in their new habitation. The W.M. cordially reciprocated the good wishes of Bro. Reed, and after some routine business, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the new banqueting hall, to partake of a sumptuous and excellent cold collation, provided by Bro. J. Phillips, of the Queen's Head Hotel, Newcastle. The fact of seventy sitting down to the repast shows in what estimation the Lodge of Industry and the W.M. are held by the brethren of the neighbourhood.

After the loyal toasts were given, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Robert Hudson, P.G.D.C. Durham, and J. Cook, P.P.S.G.W. Northumberland.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Jehn Wood, who was unavoidable absent through severe indisposition, and who, he regretted to state, was not able to take a part in these momentous proceedings, in which he had hitherto taken a most prominent part.

Bro. R. B. REED, P.M., then assumed the gavel, and proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and in the course of his remarks stated that Lodge 48 had been known for generations for its good working, and that if he had to discriminate as to the excellence of the Past Masters, he would state that they had had good, better, and best Worshipful Masters, and he placed the present possessor of the chair amongst the latter. It was known that Bro. Smith, who had the control of his mother lodge at present in his charge, could rule with a hand of firmness, but yet with the glove of softness, and no one could say that he had not done his duty with zeal, firmness, and courtesy.

Bro. J. G. SMITH, the W.M., responded. He was pleased to state that he was in good health, and whether it was from the fact of having so much activity in connection with the lodge that caused this or not, he could safely say that activity was the best thing for all earnest and hard-working Masons. He had the weal of the lodge continually at heart, and he was glad to find that his year of office had been one of the most successful known. He regretted to hear from Bro. Hudson that he had severed his connection as P.G.D.C. of the province, owing to his change of employment and residence, and expressed a wish that in his new sphere of life Bro. Hudson would meet with the same goodwill and encouragement that he had previously met with amongst his brethren of the province of Durham.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Architect and Builders," coupling therewith the names of Bros. A. M. Fowler and Mr. Thomas Lamb. He stated that it had hitherto been a secret as to who the architect was, but it was now known to be Bro. Fowler, who, without fee or reward, and in his spare moments, without affecting his public position, had entered heartily into the scheme in which they were engaged, and they now saw the result. To Bro. Lamb he could heartily state that every satisfaction had been given to the Directors, and he might also mention that the date of the termination of the contract was the 19th of January, and it was a credit to know that four days after the expiration of that time they were in full possession of their handsome premises.

Bro. A. M. FOWLER responded, and was thankful to the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast in such flattering terms. It had been a labour of love to him to do anything for the brethren of No. 48 in the erection of their building. Instead of pulling down, of which he had had plenty of experience during the last two or three years, it was a much greater pleasure to him to assist in the raising of a structure that would elevate the tastes and enhance the harmony and comfort of the brethren, who were striving and vying with each other for the general good.

Bro. THOMAS LAMB also replied, and was glad to find that what his firm had done was satisfactory to the shareholders. He could conscientiously state that every attention had been given to details, and he hoped that the brethren would always be pleased with the erection in which they now met.

The W.M. then gave the toast of the "Industry Masonic Hall Company," and in an eloquent speech expounded the difficulties and troubles the Directors had experienced since the time the Masonic Hall Company was formed, about five or six years ago. He eulogised the Chairman, Bro. R. B. Reed, as being a man who could cope with the difficulties, and whose steady and business-like ways had kept his brother Directors within reasonable limits when they were desirous of pushing forward the building operations, but which he (Bro. Reed) would not sanction until the best part of the shares had been subscribed for. He complimented Bro. R. B. Reed on his discrimination and judgment in keeping back his more impetuous and ardent colleagues, and could say that the ruling of such a chairman was most gratifying to the Board, and was now seen in the excellent arrangements that had been made for the comfort of Lodge 48.

Bro. R. B. REED, P.M., replied in a pithy and graceful manner. He reverted to the days of his youth, when the Lodge of Industry was held under the canopy of heaven, and in the village of Swalwell, amongst "umbrageous trees and limpid streams." He stated that he had been handsomely supported by the Directors through all their trials and tribulations, and he was very pleased to see that they had surmounted all difficulties and reared unto themselves a house, where he trusted the bond of fellowship and brotherly love would continue to reign for generations to come.

The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren dispersed at 11 p.m. We must give credit to the celebrated Quintette party from Durham Cathedral (Bros. D. Whitemead, Joseph Walker, J. Nutton, G. H. Welch, and J. Leatham), who during the evening rendered special service in the singing of glees, and to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for their kindness in visiting the lodge on this occasion.

INFORMATION, LAWFUL.—The test of "lawful information" as to Masonic membership is one which requires to be carefully guarded and often regularly sifted. Masons, like other persons in this world, are often careless and unreliable as to their opinions and statements respecting others,—*imprimis*, because they too often take everything for granted without enquiry, and secondly, because they do not always realize the abstract importance of truth. The laws of our Grand Lodge provide for a proper testing and vouching of all brethren who visit lodges or announce themselves as brethren, and we cannot ever too rigidly adhere to them.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia.*

PRESENTATION TO R.W. BRO. W. CARTWRIGHT, J.P., P.G. SEC. STAFFORDSHIRE.

The annual festival of St. John and installation of the W.M. elect of the Sutherland Lodge of Unity, No. 460, took place at Newcastle-under-Lyme, and was invested with exceptional interest, from the fact that presentations were made to Bro. W. Cartwright, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. Grand Secretary, in recognition of his long services in the cause of Freemasonry during the past thirty-seven years, as well of appreciation of his public services and private worth. The occasion induced a large attendance of local and provincial Masons.

The ceremony of installation took place in the Town Hall, by permission of the Mayor, Bro. W. H. Bucknall, retiring W.M., and others officiating in the installation of Bro. E. H. Croydon, the W.M. elect. The newly-initiated W.M. appointed the following officers: Bros. F. Mountford, S.W.; W. T. Aggutter, J.W.; J. Westbury, Chap.; W. Cartwright, Treas.; J. T. Snape, Sec.; J. Smith, J.D.; H. Bonsor, J.D.; J. Cook, I.G.; T. Peake and P. Elliot, Stewards; J. Ingamells, D. of C.; and Bagguley, Tyler.

After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the lodge room at the Castle Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served, the newly elected W.M. presiding. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured; but the chief interest of the meeting centred in the presentation business, which was directed by Bro. C. H. King. He explained the circumstances connected with the presentation movement, from which it would appear that a short time ago several prominent members of the Sutherland Lodge, at a confederal meeting, decided that the time had come when some recognition ought to be made of the valuable services which Bro. Cartwright had rendered to Masonry, and, conjointly therewith, an expression of appreciation of his long career of public life and his personal worth. The matter was at once floated under the best auguries, and a subscription list opened, which had liberal favour. It was resolved that a three-quarter length oil painting of Bro. Cartwright should be obtained and placed on the wall of the lodge room. Mr. Abraham, jun., Stoke, was commissioned to execute the painting. It was also decided that an illuminated address should be presented, and Bro. John Pratt, jun., was entrusted with this artistic work. Bro. King, in earnest words, spoke of the long and appreciated services of Bro. Cartwright, and expressed his great pleasure at being honoured with the charge of the presentation movement, by being appointed chairman of the committee. The admirable portrait of their honoured brother would well perpetuate in the lodge his worth and able services. By direction of Bro. King the portrait was then unveiled, amidst applause of the heartiest kind. Bro. King then called upon Bro. Aggutter, the secretary to the presentation committee, to read the address, which that brother did as follows:—

To Bro. William Cartwright, Past Master and Treasurer of the Sutherland Lodge of Unity, No. 460, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, and Provincial Grand Secretary of Staffordshire. Worthy and Worshipful Brother—We, the undersigned members of the Sutherland Lodge of Unity, subscribers to the portrait of yourself which we now present to you, cannot allow the occasion to pass without expressing in words our admiration and esteem for the high qualities which have led you to the distinguished place which you occupy alike in Freemasonry and in the town of your adoption. Without enumerating every position which you have filled—though we must not omit to mention those of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Charity Steward—the very fact that you have been in offices in our lodge uninterruptedly from the time of your initiation, now thirty-seven years ago, up to-day, would alone bear witness to the uprightness, zeal, and courtesy which have marked your career, and won for you the confidence, respect, and affection of your brethren; and that you have been selected by our successive Provincial Grand Masters for sixteen years to fill the important and arduous post of Provincial Grand Secretary, shows that your character and meritorious services have been equally appreciated in a circle of more extended radius than that of your mother lodge. Nor has the ancient borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme been more backward in recognising your personal qualifications and administrative ability, as is evidenced by its having raised you through various steps to its highest municipal office—that of Mayor—in the year 1860, and having now secured the advantage of your services as a permanent Justice of the Peace. And if we forbear to mention other numerous positions of trust and responsibility held by you in the past and present, as well as works of charity and public benefit performed by you, it is not because we are unmindful of them, but because those which we have specified testify beyond all question to the feelings entertained towards you in the inner circle of Masonic, and the outer circle of municipal and social life; and in repeating our own expression of those feelings, we add the earnest hope and prayer that your life may long be spared in health and happiness to be a pillar of our lodge, a benefit and an ornament to our town, and a source of true satisfaction to yourself; and that when the Most High at length removes you from the checkered scene of your earthly labours, it may be to give you admission to the eternal abode of perfect rest and bliss unchanging. We are, worthy and worshipful brother, your faithful and affectionate brethren.

(Signatures follow.)

Bro. KING then formally handed the address to Bro. Cartwright, stating that he fully reciprocated every sentiment expressed therein, as he doubted not did the whole of that influential company. "The Health of Bro. Cartwright" was cordially pledged.

Bro. CARTWRIGHT expressed in suitable words his unfeigned pleasure at receiving such distinguished proofs of the good feeling towards him from his Masonic brethren. He thoroughly appreciated the kindly recognition of what services he had been able gladly to render, and thanked Bro. King for his expressed good wishes, and the company for their endorsement of them.

Several other toasts were honoured, and Masonic harmony prevailed.

During the past week three of the oldest English lodges extant have held their meetings for the installation of master for the current year. On Monday, in the Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1, the Lord Mayor was installed by Mr. Fenner, P.G.S.; on Wednesday, in the Grand Stewards Lodge, William Bristow was installed by Mr. Frank Richardson, P.G.S., P.G.D.; and on Thursday, in the Globe Lodge, No. 23, Mr. Henry Venn was installed by Mr. Herbert Dicketts and Mr. Charles Martin, Past Grand Stewards. All these lodges boast of considerable antiquity, the working of the Globe Lodge being traceable to the year 1723, that of the Grand Stewards Lodge to 1735, and that of the Grand Masters Lodge to 1739. There are nine "Time Immemorial" lodges, or lodges whose date of constitution cannot be traced; but, with the exception of these, there are only five older than the Globe, and the oldest of them, the Friendship, No. 6, has the advantage merely of two years. There was another addition to the roll of lodges on Thursday, when the Southgate Lodge, No. 1050, was consecrated at the Railway Hotel, New Southgate, by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and Mr. Robert P. Forge was installed as Master.—*The Times*, January 24th.

Bro. Wm. Sugg read a paper in connection with the Smoke Abatement Exhibition, South Kensington, on lighting, heating, and ventilating by gas, on Thursday. Bro. Sugg is a well-known authority on these matters, and the author of several improvements in gas apparatus.

MRS. GARFIELD.

We are glad to be enabled to publish the following :
Cleveland, Ohio,
December 28th, 1881.

Mrs. Garfield has received from the Freemasons of the West Riding of Yorkshire, through their Grand Master, Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., &c., &c., their letter of sympathy with her in her great bereavement.

The sincere and respectful condolence tendered by so large a body of sympathising friends in a foreign land have filled her heart with gratitude and thankfulness, of which this note of acknowledgement must be accepted as an inadequate expression.

Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., &c.,
Pycnest, Halifax, England.
Received 20th January, 1882.

**BALL OF THE LODGE OF PROSPERITY,
No. 65.**

The ball in connection with the above lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., when about 150 ladies and brethren were present. Dancing commenced in the large hall at about nine o'clock, Edward's London Band playing a very good selection of dance music. Supper was served in the Pillar Hall, the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. W. Chicken, taking the chair.

After grace had been said, the CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft."

Bro. JAMES TERRY, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, proposed "The Health of Bro. and Mrs. Chicken and Family, together with Prosperity to the Lodge."

Bro. CHICKEN, in returning thanks, said that it was three years since the last ball in connection with the lodge had been held, but he hoped that the success with which this one had met with would cause it to be an annual affair in the future.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "The Ladies."

Bro. G. F. BURGE returned thanks on their behalf.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, Bro. CARMAN, of the Wellington Lodge, responding.

After supper dancing was recommenced, and it was nearly five o'clock before the last dance on the programme had terminated.

The ball was in every way a success, and the Stewards are to be highly complimented for their untiring endeavours to ensure the enjoyment of those present.

The W.M., the Past Masters, and officers, together with other members of the lodge acted as Stewards.

GALLERY LODGE BALL.

Owing to pressure upon our space, we were unable to refer to the inaugural ball of the Gallery Lodge, which took place at the Brixton Hall, last week. The Gallery Lodge, which was established in August, 1881, consists of gentlemen connected with the London and provincial press, and its rulers include editors, leader writers, sub-editors, special correspondents, critics, and reporters. It is the first lodge which has been founded in connection with journalism in this country, and its progress not unnaturally is watched with a good deal of interest. The ball to which we refer was projected with the object of aiding the Masonic Charities, and it is satisfactory to be able to state that after providing a delightful entertainment, the lodge is able to carry out its good intentions by handing over a substantial balance to the schools. The Committee entrusted with the arrangement spared no effort to ensure the success of the ball, and the unanimous opinion of the company assembled was that a more enjoyable gathering was never held. A charming selection of music was performed by Bro. Sibold's City of London Band, and at supper the toasts of the "Queen" and the "Ladies" were enthusiastically drunk.

**ANNUAL MASONIC SOCIAL PARTY
AT MANCHESTER.**

The usual meeting and annual Christmas social party of Blair Lodge, No. 815, were held on Friday, the 13th inst, at the Hulme Town Hall. The following brethren were present when the lodge duties commenced: Bros. W. R. Sowler, W.M. (second year); Henry L. Rocca, I.P.M.; E. Harris, S.W.; J. Sheldrick, J.W.; J. F. Anderson, S.D.; Dr. St. Patrick Riley, J.D.; Wm. Renshaw, I.G.; T. Newton and Bryce Blair, Stewards; W. Hill, Org.; Nino Bottone, and H. W. Riley, and several others.

The lodge was opened at 5.15 and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Henry L. Rocca, I.P.M., occupied the chair of K.S., by permission of the W.M., and raised Bro. Nino Bottone to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and the W.M. afterwards raised Bro. Henry Walter Riley to the Third Degree. This ceremony concluded, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 7 o'clock.

The brethren, after partaking of tea, prepared to receive the ladies, who began to arrive about 8.45, and dancing commenced at nine o'clock in the large hall, which presented a gay and festive appearance, and in which by ten o'clock were assembled some 140 brethren and ladies. Between 10 and 10.15 the first detachment of guests adjourned to the supper room, where a very admirable menu had been prepared for them, and which every one seemed to enjoy immensely. Meanwhile the remainder of the company were entertained by some capital conjuring and ventriloquism performed by Professor Le Mare and his son, and which greatly pleased all who witnessed it; and when the performance had concluded the audience wended their way to the supper room, which by this time was cleared of its former occupants, who in their turn were amused by the Professor with a clever performance of Punch and Judy, followed by a song from Bro. Bickley, and recitations from Bros. Captain Hopkins and Daniel Donbavand, after which dancing was resumed by the whole company, and carried on with spirit until nearly five o'clock. It would be quite impossible to conceive a more enjoyable gathering than this happily named Christmas

social party proved to be, and the greatest praise is due to Bros. Sheldrick, Bickley, and Anderson, who formed the managing committee, for the admirably planned and successfully carried out arrangements, also to Mrs. Newton, of the Stretford-road, who catered most satisfactorily for the supper and the refreshments obtainable at the buffet throughout the evening. The musical arrangements were conducted by Messrs. S. and E. Pycroft, of Hulme, and left nothing to be desired by those who were engaged in the mazy dance. The Stewards were Bros. Major H. L. Rocca, Fell, Newton, Blair, Rowley, and Walker, who each and all did their utmost to promote the enjoyment of the company, and it must be a source of great pleasure to all concerned in the organisation of this social gathering to know that their efforts have been—which we are sure they were—crowned with success.

Amongst the company were Bros. W. R. Sowler, W.M.; Major H. L. Rocca, I.P.M.; J. Sheldrick, J.W., and Mrs. Sheldrick; Bro. Dr. St. Patrick Riley, J.D., and Mrs. Riley; Henry Walter and Mrs. Riley; Bro. Edwards and Mrs. Edwards; Mr. Charles and Miss Beasley (of Liverpool); Bro. T. Newton and Miss Newton; Mr. Edward Beasley and Miss Moon (Leeds); Bro. S. C. and Mrs. Lowe; the Countess Pastorelli; Bro. Daniel and Mrs. Donbavand and Mrs. Morse; Bro. J. E. Steward, I.P.M. 336 (Marple), Mrs. Steward, and Miss Poyntz; Bro. Boothman, son, and daughters (2); Bro. J. Willis, 1213; Bro. W. Willis, 204, and Mrs. Willis; Bro. W. Bolton Riley and Mrs. Riley; Bro. and Mrs. Jordan, 1496; Bro. Jas. McGrath, J.W. 1496, and Miss McGrath; Bro. George Burslem, Sec. 1496, and Miss Royle; Bro. Walter Biggs, 1496, and Miss Edith Royle; Bro. R. R. Lisenden, J.D. 317, and Mrs. Lisenden; and others.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Chapter (No. 19).—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 20th inst., Bro. William Tyrer, M.W.S., presiding, supported by the officers of the chapter. Two candidates, Bro. H. S. Hartley and Bro. John Goldworth, were perfected by S.P. Bro. William Tyrer, M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bros. H. S. Alpass, 32; B. H. Rowson, 30, P.M.W.S.; and C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 30. Bro. Holden, 1st General, was unanimously elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year.

The business of the chapter being over, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet at the Adelphi Hotel, under the presidency of the M.W.S., and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to most heartily, and a truly enjoyable evening was spent, which is always so by the brethren of this very beautiful and Christian Degree.

LEEDS.—Leodiensis Chapter (No. 77).—This chapter held a meeting on the 17th inst., which was opened by the M.W.S., Bro. William Paley, M.D., assisted by the officers of the chapter. The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. Being the installation meeting, the M.W.S. elect, Bro. Richard Wilson, was presented to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33, who installed him as M.W.S. with his usual care and solemnity. The following brethren were then appointed officers of the chapter: Bros. John Scott, Prelate; J. D. Kay, 1st General; C. Eastwood, 2nd General; W. J. Beck, Treasurer; J. W. Furness, Recorder; H. Warwick, Raphael; J. Franks, Captain of Guard; J. L. Oates, Equerry; and Robert Oates, Asst. Equerry. The names of the brethren were collected. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed and recorded to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33, for coming to instal the M.W.S.

Business completed, the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where they thoroughly enjoyed an excellent dinner, under the presidency of the M.W.S., who proposed the loyal and Masonic toasts most heartily. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister responding for "The Supreme Council, 33", who also thanked the brethren for their cordial reception of him whenever he came to the chapter. Before resuming his seat, he proposed "The Health of the M.W.S.," with all the honours, wishing him a successful year, to which he replied in a thoroughly fraternal spirit. Other toasts followed, and a truly happy and social meeting closed before eleven o'clock.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY (D).—An encampment of the above preceptory was held on the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, and was well attended. Among those present were Sir Kts. T. C. Walls, E.C.; C. H. Driver, P.E.C.; G.A.D.C. England, Prelate; A. Williams, 1st Captain; Dr. C. Sanders, 2nd Captain; W. Paas, P.E.C., Treas.; D.M. Dewar, P.G.C.G., P.E.C., Registrar; R. Berridge, Expert; F. W. Driver, C. of L.; G. Graveley, 1st S.B.; J. B. Glenn, 2nd S.B.; J. H. Dodson, 1st Herald; A. Tisley, 2nd Herald; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; F. Binckes, P.E.C.; H. J. Lardner, T. Adams, and Rawles, Equerry. The visitors were Sir Kts. C. F. Matier, Lothians Priory (Scotland); and R. P. Spice, Holy Palestine.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read, letters apologising for non-attendance were read from Sir Kts. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, G.S.P., &c.; R. Thrupp, P.E.C., &c.; Roebuck, P.E.C., &c. Sir Kt. Williams, P.E.C. elect, was then presented and formally installed into the chair by Sir Kt. Walls, E.C. The officers invested were Sir Kts. Sanders, 1st Captain; Berridge, 2nd Captain; F. Driver, Expert; G. Graveley, C. of L.; Glenn, 1st S.B.; J. H. Dodson, 2nd S.B.; A. Tisley, 1st Herald; Stowsoer, 2nd Herald; H. J. Lardner, D.C.; W. Paas, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Reg.; and Rawles, Equerry. In consequence of indisposition the E.C. then vacated the chair in favour of Sir Kt. Walls; the Prelate, and Bro. J. Andrews being a candidate was duly installed a Knight of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple and Holy Sepulchre.

The conclave having been closed, the Sir Knights adjourned to a most excellent and well-served banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. "The Health of the Grand Officers" was acknowledged by

Sir Kt. C. Driver. The toast of "The E.C." was then proposed, and Sir Kt. Williams made a modest, but most pleasing speech in response. "The Health of the P.E.C." accompanied by the presentation of a jewel, followed, and this toast having been cordially drunk, Sir Kt. Walls briefly replied. "The Newly-installed Knight" came next, and in his response Sir Kt. Andrews made a telling and interesting speech. "The Health of the Visitors" drew in acknowledgment from Sir Kt. Matier one of those pleasing and interesting responses which are at all times agreeable to listen to. Sir Kt. Spice also passed some flattering encomiums upon the "working." "The Past Commanders" was coupled with the name of Sir Kt. Frederick Binckes, who, as usual, was most eloquent and pertinent in his remarks upon the subject. "The Officer's" toast, coupled with the names of Sir Kts. Paas, Dewar, and Berridge brought the proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable, to a conclusion.

Allied Degrees.

A very influential meeting of the members of these prosperous degrees took place at three o'clock in the afternoon of the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square. Among those in attendance we noticed Bros. Charles F. Matier, D.G.M., as W.M. in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Samuel Rawson; Alfred Williams, S.W.; R. Roy, J.W.; S. C. Dibdin, I.P.M.; D. M. Dewar, Treasurer and Secretary; C. H. Driver, I.G.; Thos. C. Walls, Steward; R. Berridge, D.C.; Thomas Poore, J. C. Anderson, E. Seveny, C. Pulman, R. L. Loveland, G. Mickleby, Capt. C. E. Coffey, D.P.G.M., Tunis and Malta; R. P. Spice, and others.

The proceedings commenced by the council being opened in the Degree of the Order of St. Laurence, and after the minutes had been read the following brethren were balloted for and duly admitted into the secrets of that unquestionably old and very quaint degree, viz.: Bros. Baron de Ferriers, M.P., Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, W. Barkley, J. L. Mather, H. Baldwin, T. O. Harding, F. W. Driver, W. G. Lemon, C. E. Peck, W. Vincent, and J. G. Chillingworth. The council was then opened in the Degree of the Knights of Constantinople, and all the aforesaid brethren were impressively installed members thereof. A conclave of the Order of the Red Cross of Babylon followed, when thanks to the continued exertions of Bros. Matier, Dewar, Poore, Loveland, A. Williams, Berridge, and C. Driver, the long, but most interesting ceremonial was carried out in its integrity, and gave great satisfaction, not only to those who were admitted to participate in its mysteries, but to those who had previously taken the Degree. The proceedings terminated by the admission of the said candidates into the Degree of High Priest.

In consequence of the amount of genuine hard work gone through, the meeting was not dissolved until six o'clock, when the brethren adjourned to a well earned repast at the Albion Hotel, Theobalds-road. The executive of the Grand Council of the Allied Degrees are to be congratulated upon the unequalled success which attended their labours, and the lay members will doubtless look forward with interest to the next meeting, when the Degree of the Red Cross of Babylon is promised to be again worked in full.

Ireland.

NEWBRIDGE.—United Service Lodge (No. 215).—The annual installation of officers for the current year took place at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 13th inst. The lodge was opened in solemn and ancient form by Bro. Nugent, W.M., after which the following brethren were installed as follows: Bros. C. Broackes, S.W.; W. Langdon, J.W.; A. King, S.D.; T. R. Leonard, J.D.; P. Rathbone, I.G.; J. Boyle, Sec. and Treas.; and J. Heaps, W.M. The following brethren were present in addition to the officers: Bros. Hamblin, Garten, Formin, Cornelius Brend, J. Simmons, H. Simmons, P.M.; Lewis, Carter, Taylor, Clark, Haggerty, Aston, P.M.; and Rev. G. Godwin.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was of a very *recherché* description, and reflected great credit on Bro. H. Simmons, who has on several occasions acted as host, but each one seems to outdo the other. Grace having been said by Bro. the Rev. G. Godwin, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were most enthusiastically drunk; solos "God Save the Queen," and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" being given by Bro. Clark. Other toasts followed, viz.: "The Royal Family," "The Duke of Abercorn, G.M.," "The Earl of Huntingdon," and "The Provincial Grand Lodge," the latter being responded to by Bro. Aston, Prov. G.I.G. The toast of "The W.M., Bro. Heaps," was then given by Bro. Nugent, I.P.M., who spoke at great length on Bro. Heaps's merits, and the cheerfulness with which he had performed every duty he had been called upon by the lodge, and, as a brother remarked, he was a "heap" in himself. Bro. Heaps responded in a few words, pleading his inability to make a long speech, his heart being too full to express his gratitude for the great honour done him, but begged that the officers would assist him all in their power. "The Health of Bro. Nugent, I.P.M., and the other officers having been given and responded to, the W.M. gave "The Poor and Distressed Masons all over the World," which was drunk in silence, after which a collection in their aid was made. During the evening several of the brethren showed a more than ordinary amount of vocal talent, and after a most enjoyable night they separated, highly pleased with the instruction and entertainment that had been afforded them.

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Advertisements for the current week's issue are received up to Six o'clock on Wednesday evening.

To Correspondents.

The following reports stand over till next week:—

- Bedford Lodge, No. 157.
- Industry Lodge, No. 186.
- Caledonian Lodge, No. 204 (Manchester).
- St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 651 (Graham's Town).
- Nelson Lodge, No. 700.
- Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726.
- Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.
- Abbey Lodge, No. 1184.
- Totura Lodge, No. 1241.
- West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.
- Clapham Lodge, No. 1818.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174.
- Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.
- Pattison Chapter, No. 913.
- Metropolitan College, Resicrucian Society.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Voice of Ma-onry," "Public Ledger," "The Hull Packet," "New York Dispatch," "La Escudra," "The Jewish Chronicle," "Cagli's Tourists' Chronicle," "The Broad Arrow," "The West London Advertiser," "El Taller," "Citizen," "Bollettino Ufficiale del Supremo Consiglio del 33° Grado per la Tunisia," "Freemaurer-Zeitung," "Die Bauhütte," "The Masonic Tablet," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette," "Some Observations on Fire Insurance," "The Newcastle Guardian," "The Retford and Gainsborough Times," "The Walsall Free Press," "A Critical Greek and English Concordance," "Richmond (U.S.A.) Paladium," "The Printing Times and Lithographer," "The Lifeboat."

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1882.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

"HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE."

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your otherwise very correct report of the meeting of The Great City Lodge on the 14th inst., I notice that I am credited with the opening of the lodge, and the raising of two brethren to the Third Degree. This error is doubtless the result of a "slip of the pen" of our good friend our reporter, and I desire to correct the inadvertence, because the work referred to was performed in the most perfect and efficient manner by our indefatigable Treasurer and Past Master, Bro. N. B. Headon, who may, doubtless, feel somewhat aggrieved by the substitution of the name of, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M. 1426.

Clapham, January 21st, 1882.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to point out a grave mistake often committed by Masters of Lodges in appointing the M.C., they using the word *Director* instead of the legitimate one of *Master*. Your reporters and correspondents also fall into the same error. In the reports of meetings in last week's *Freemason* is reported several times that the W.M. appointed So-and-so D.C., instead of M.C.; but I have no doubt, after this is pointed out to them, they will cease to do so. A *Director of Ceremonies* is an officer of *Grand Lodge*. A *Master of Ceremonies* is an officer of a *private lodge*. And the sooner Masters conform to this rule the better it will be for the perfect working of the lodge.

Last year, a W.M. of a lodge I am connected with appointed an *Assistant M.C.* (I was absent through illness at the time), and at the following meeting I pointed out the clause showing the officers he *could* appoint, and that he had gone beyond the Book of Constitutions. On being convinced of this error, he at once rescinded the appointment, and had it entered on the minutes that he had done so. I know one or two lodges that should follow his example.

MAGNUS OHREN,

P. Assist. G.D. of C. England.

Reviews.

MASONIC BOOKS FOR MASONIC BOOK COLLECTORS.

Among some curious Masonic books which have been lately for sale by Mr. John Wilson, 12, King William-street, Charing Cross, in his catalogue Part 59, which he heads "Occult Literature," which we recommend all Masonic book collectors and students to send for, may be mentioned "Des Societes Secretes," &c., "La Franche Maconnerie Rendue a sa Veritable Origine," "Ordre Maconnique de Misraim," by Marc Bedarride, "Catalogue de Livres et Documents," &c., and "Considerations Philosophiques." This work contains a burlesque catalogue of Masonic works to 1776. Among the curious Hermetic MSS. we note Heydon's "Rosic Cross," "Nostradamus," and many very rare works on astrology, witchcraft, the philosopher's stone, alchemy, and mysticism.

BORCHARDT DAS STUDIUM DER FREIMAUREREI.

This is a work by a learned brother, a Rabbi, Isaac Solomon Borchardt, published originally at Berlin in 1869, but not much known in England. He bases most of his theories and arguments and conclusions on Hebrew sources, alike traditional and written, especially the Talmud and the Mishna; and for those who understand German, and like to study the questions arising out of the Hebraic Cabala and Jewish ancient mysticism, we cannot well recommend a more interesting or original work.

MASONIC REPRINTS.

The article which appeared in the December number of "The Masonic Magazine," from the pen of Bro. W. H. Rylands, has been reprinted for private circulation by him with its original title "Freemasonry in the Seventeenth Century; Warrington 1647." The same course is to be followed with his second article (January and February Magazine) in which the lodge at Chester, of which a record has been left by the third Randle Holme, is alluded to. This small fragment of paper, forming only one leaf in a volume of MSS. preserved in the British Museum, will now probably be esteemed at its real value, as a record of the names of Freemasons in Chester somewhere between 1660 and 1670. The reprinting in large paper form of articles published in the Masonic Magazine, will, we are sure, be very welcome to collectors of Masonic literature; and we are very glad to understand that the so-called Cologne-Charter, and other documents, communicated by the same Masonic writer, are to appear in this form.

NEW MUSIC.

Lord Henry Somerset's new and charming songs, published by Moutrie and Son, 55, Baker-street, and entitled (1) "A Song of Hope;" (2) "A Song of Love;" (3) "Rhapsodie de la Nuit," deserve the notice and study of all musical connoisseurs and artistes.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE ARBROATH SEAL.

Thanks to the kindness and courtesy of Bro. W. H. Rylands, whose recent valuable contributions as regards Ashmole at Warrington, and Randle Holmes at Chester, deserve the best thanks and admiring approval of all Masonic students, I have been permitted to see the obverse and reverse of this seal. Cordiner's word initiation is, as I said—though where I had seen the statement I cannot now remember—an interpolation, assumption, invention of his own, term it what you will; and the scene represented is the murder of Thomas à Beckett, and the wounding of the Monk by his side, of which an account may be found in the Chronicles, and in Dean Stanley's account of Canterbury Cathedral. It were all but impossible that "initiates" could be found on a monastic seal, inasmuch as I believe there is no known record or passage extant which hints even at the recognised use of that word in mediæval times. If it could be found at all, it would be discovered in some old hermetic MS. or printed work.

MASONIC STUDENT.

I am pleased to add that Bro. Rylands is good enough to allow his "Exemplar" to be printed. I hope soon to arrange for its appearance in the "*Masonic Magazine*," with some remarks by Bro. Rylands himself.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE CURIOUS MASONIC SWORD.

On seeing the description by a brother in the *Freemason* of the 14th inst., I wrote at once to Bro. Christopherson, who has kindly sent me a sketch of the sword, &c. I am disappointed, however; for according to the particulars on the blade, it never had ought to do with York. The words "Union Lodge, No. 667," refer to the "Union Lodge of Barnard Castle," warranted in the year 1838; and the year "1865," also thereon, doubtless refers to the year when the "Greta" Lodge, Keswick, was formed. Thus ends another "York" find.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Obituary.

BRO. EDWIN RATCLIFFE.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Bro. Edwin Ratcliffe, which took place at his residence, Church-lane, Prestwich, Manchester, on Sunday, the 8th inst. The deceased had for some time previous to his death suffered from an internal complaint, and had recently undergone a successful operation, after which he seemed to be improving, but undergoing a relapse he succumbed on the date mentioned above. Our late brother was a P.M. of St. Thomas's, 992, and Concord, 1534, Lodges, Manchester; a P.Z. of the Derby Chapter, 1055, in the same city; a Knight of the St. Joseph Preceptory; and a P.P.G. Priest of East Lancashire, and was present at the installation meeting of the St. Thomas's Lodge, in December last, apparently well and hearty. The deceased brother was interred in Prestwich churchyard on Wednesday, the 11th inst., and the W.M., officers, and several brethren of the Concord Lodge, 1534, after assembling at their lodge-rooms, were joined by the W.M. and many brethren belonging to the St. Thomas's Lodge, and all ultimately formed in procession, and proceeded to the house of the deceased, the number being further augmented on their way by several members of the Conservative Club (to which Bro. Ratcliffe belonged), and his remains were carried to the churchyard between the followers, who stood in two rows, and deposited in the grave, while the solemn burial service was most impressively read. The following brethren were amongst those who paid their last tribute of respect to the deceased brother: Bros. A. Mercer, W.M.; J. Walkden, S.W.; R. Hothersall, J.W.; T. Kenyon, S.D.; G. W. Skelton, I.G.; Whitehead, Tyler; Ernest Linck, P.M.; Jno. Kay, P.M.; W. Bradbury, P.M.; Jno. W. Thompson, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Coupe, J. Butterworth, H. Mann, Org.; and A. Bailey, of Concord Lodge. Visitor: Bro. J. Cooper. Bros. Hilton, W.M.; J. J. Meakin, I.P.M.; Hargreaves, J.W.; Fisher, P.M.; Johnson, P.M.; Heffor, P.M.; Hancock, P.M.; Crombleholme and Falkner, of St. Thomas's Lodge, 992.

A MASONIC LECTURE.

There was a large gathering of members and visitors: of the Panmure Lodge of Instruction, No. 729, on Wednesday last, to hear a reading by Bro. James Stevens, a Past Master of the mother lodge, explanatory of the entire ceremonies of the First Degree. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. S. Dunkley, as W.M.; Bros. Moody and Graham officiating respectively as S. and J. Wardens. Amongst others present were Bros. Past Masters Poore, Sheadd, Allen, Sawyer; Dr. Goffin (Head Master of the United Westminster Schools), Lilley, Weekes, Hudson, Warren, Standing, Wingfield, Arnold, Everist, Culpin, Mulley, Barlow, Lambert, Kerr, Bain, Brand, Tickman, Laird, Elliott, and others. Bro. Stevens at once commenced his exposition and explanations, and for upwards of two hours kept his listeners thoroughly interested. His work has evidently received much skill and labour in preparation, and his several arguments were fully appreciated and cordially endorsed. At its conclusion, Bro. Sawyer, Past Master of East Grinstead Lodge, proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens, for his able, instructive, and interesting lecture, and expressed the hope that he would continue his labours in like manner in the following degrees. Bro. Dr. Goffin, who said he heartily agreed with the sound and common sense interpretations given in respect of various points of ceremonial, seconded the motion, which was supported by numerous brethren and unanimously carried. Bro. Stevens was invited to deliver his reading in several other lodges, and, in replying to the thanks accorded to him, expressed his willingness to repeat his evening's work wherever he might be solicited to do so. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated with a general expression of satisfaction with the information and instruction which the "reading" had afforded them.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GLOBE LODGE (No. 23).—On Thursday, the 19th inst., this lodge held its installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, when the following were present: Bros. A. S. Wildy, W.M.; Henry Venn, S.W.; Harry Nevill, J.W.; Jermyn Boyd, J.D.; Thos. W. Chard Lenty, I.G.; Herbert Dicketts, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; Edward C. Davies, P.M.; Charles Martin, P.M.; R. Douglass, P.M.; John M. Stedwell, P.M.; James Warner, P.M.; G. R. Sherrill, P.M.; Richard Clowser, George Simmonds, A. W. Catmer, George Bannister, Aug. A. Parkes, W. Blackman, E. C. Mather, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Carter, 1507; H. C. Levander, J.G.D., W.M. 142; J. E. Ryan, Landmark (Chicago), 422; James Kench, G.P., P.M. 538; James Moon, P.M. 49; Thos. H. Waterworth, P.M. 49; John Skinner, S.W. 528; Dr. Great Rex, P.M. 22; F. Lane, J.W. 788; George Gabb, S.W. 902; W. H. A. Grogan, 256; Lennox Browne, I.G. 969; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

The W.M. opened the lodge, and after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Herbert Dicketts, P.M., P.G.S., took the chair, and Bro. Henry Venn, P.M., S.W., and W.M. elect was presented to him by Bro. J. M. Stedwell, P.M., P.G.S. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and Bro. Venn was duly installed in the W.M. chair. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. A. S. Wildy, I.P.M.; Mills, S.W.; Jermyn Boyd, J.W.; Brandon, P.M. Treas.; Herbert Dicketts, P.M., P.G.S. Sec.; Leuty, S.D.; E. C. Mather, P.M., J.D.; Nixey, I.G.; Martin, P.M., D.C.; Clowser and Blackman, Stewards. Bro. Martin, P.M., D.C., delivered the charges. Before closing the lodge the W.M. presented to Bro. A. S. Wildy, I.P.M., a handsome P.M. jewel in token of his services to the lodge during his year of office as W.M.; and Bro. Wildy, in thanking the brethren, said he received this as the crowning act of very many acts of kindness he had received from the brethren during the many years he had had the pleasure of being a member of the lodge. He should ever wear the jewel with pleasure because it was the jewel of his mother lodge, to which he was most deeply attached.

After closing the lodge the brethren adjourned to banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, and subsequently honoured the customary toasts. Bro. H. C. Levander, G.D., in replying to the toast of "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," said it gave him very sincere pleasure to attend that evening and see the W.M. so ably placed in the chair by the Secretary of the lodge. Both the W.M. and Bro. Dicketts were friends of his, one whom he had met on many occasions in other ranks of Freemasonry. He was sure that under the presidency of the present W.M. the Globe Lodge would continue to flourish, and would keep up the name it had always maintained among the lodges of the Craft. The brethren all knew the three great principles upon which it was said the Order was founded—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Those three great principles, he was sure, were thoroughly carried out by all members of the Globe Lodge. He had received a little book, written by a person who was anxious to make known among all members of the Order his views of Freemasonry. It was entitled "Notes upon Freemasonry," and the writer laid it down in the introduction that the three great objects of Freemasonry were the promotion of good fellowship, charity, and feasting. He (Bro. Levander) was not quite sure the writer was correct in the last particular; but he must say of the Globe Lodge that it seemed as if it included feasting as one of its duties. The Grand Officers and all the visitors would agree with him in that opinion, and that it carried out the feeling of charity and good-fellowship was patent to all who had had the pleasure of visiting No. 23. He wished the W.M. happiness and prosperity in presiding over the Globe Lodge, No. 23. Bro. A. S. Wildy, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said the brethren had that day assisted at the solemn ceremony of installing as Master of the lodge a brother who was in every way qualified to fulfil the duties of the high office. They were all delighted to see him occupying the chair, because they were sure that he would hand down the gavel to his successor after placing the lodge in a still higher position than that in which he found it. This was his ambition, and they wished him a happy and a healthy, as well as a most prosperous, year of office. Bro. H. Venn, W.M., in reply, said that the kindness of Bro. Wildy had led him to say much more than he ought to have said, and had anticipated greater results than he could (the W.M.) at all hope for. Nevertheless by the help of the brethren and the officers, and by the goodwill and energy of every member of the lodge, he promised he would do all he possibly could, and if possible he would do more. He was certain that if the W.M. had the goodwill and good opinion of the members and officers of his lodge, his year of office must be a pleasant one. There was but one thing he could hope for beyond that, that some brother would introduce some one to the lodge and give them some work. They were like the poor men from Manchester, they had got no work to do. He hoped that during the year their numbers would be increased. He was not in favour of a large number, but just to keep the rust off it was just as well if they could add one or more to their numbers. The W.M. gave next the toast of "The Visitors." The entertainment of visitors was one of those things which seemed to have been well arranged in times gone by by the ancient brethren. It was all very well for them to be the Globe Lodge and to do the thing very nicely, but he thought it would be a good thing if the ancient brethren had seen the brethren coming to criticise them and their doings. It always gave them the opportunity of carrying out that part of the ceremony of the evening in which they were reminded to cultivate the social virtues. Every member of the Globe lodge was proud and pleased to see so many visitors, and on behalf of the lodge he tendered them a most hearty welcome, and hoped they had enjoyed themselves. He was pleased to see among them Bro. Ryan, of 412, Chicago, whom he had been delighted to invite. In America the ritual of Freemasonry was carried out to its fullest extent, and on that account he was sorry there had been no work that evening, for if there had been, Bro. Ryan would have been able to see the difference between the working of England and that of America. The Masons assembled there in much greater numbers than in this country, but he hoped Bro. Ryan, when he returned to the

Rocky Mountains, would be able to speak favourably of the English brethren. Bro. Kench, G.P., in replying, said he had been much gratified with the ceremony of the evening. He was not going to praise Bro. Dicketts, because they knew that if that brother tried to do anything badly he could not by any means manage to do so. Bro. Dr. Great Rex said he felt at home in the Globe Lodge, not only because its number, 23, was so near to that of his own number, 23, but from the familiar faces and the excellent work. From the working they had seen there was promise of a most successful year for the lodge, notwithstanding its antiquity. The brethren who had taken office were of course looking forward to the time when they would be in the chair, and he hoped when they were they would have as successful a year as the W.M.'s year promised to be. Bro. Waterworth, No. 49, said he had had the privilege of seeing Bro. Venn initiated in No. 49. Bro. Venn had gone on through the several offices, and passed through the chair with great credit. The Gilt Lodge and himself considered that the Globe Lodge had conferred a great honour on him by placing him in its chair. Having performed the duties of No. 49, he would carry them out in No. 23. In No. 49 he had had hard work to do, but his lines had fallen in pleasant places, and he would not have much work to do in No. 23, but if he had he would do it to the satisfaction of the lodge. Bro. Skinner and Bro. Ryan also replied, the latter saying that when he returned to the Rocky Mountains he should remember the reception he had had in the Globe Lodge. In proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," the W.M. said, in justification of this toast, he had only to point to the work that had been done that night by two of the P.M.'s, which deserved the highest praise that could be bestowed upon it. The labour had been divided, and, therefore, he took the liberty of calling attention to the very excellent manner in which Bros. Dicketts, P.M., and Martin, P.M., did all they could. It was done to the entire satisfaction of himself and the lodge. It proved the importance of retaining as long as they could the services of the Past Masters. There were many ways in which they could and did help the lodge. With the toast he should couple the name of the youngest P.M., who would no doubt like to be a much older P.M. than he was. They had that night added a very excellent member to that excellent lodge, and he (the W.M.) should only be too happy to join them; but, because as they seemed to grow the younger when they got into the position, he should begin to think he was growing younger himself. But at present he was content to remain in the position he then occupied. Bro. Wildy, I.P.M., said he felt like an actor advertised to appear in a new character. He did not feel at all suited for a P.M. He had never felt fitted for a part till after he had left it. He now felt unfit to be associated with such an excellent body as the Past Masters, but he hoped he should emulate them. They all not only wished to maintain the present standard of the lodge, but to make it reach a higher state. That was the ambition of all the members of the lodge, from the highest to the lowest, and if the Past Masters could do anything to promote the interests of the lodge, as they had done, they would continue to do so. Bros. Dicketts and Martin had shown their willingness in that respect by performing onerous duties on the shortest possible notice. Bros. Brandon and Dicketts replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bro. Mills, S.W., to that of "The Officers;" and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. Bros. G. T. Carter, Montem Smith, J. Hodges, and E. J. Bell entertained the brethren with some beautiful singing in the course of the evening.

UNITED MARINERS' LODGE (No. 30).—The installation meeting of this ancient and prosperous lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., a large number of brethren being present, including Bros. Hiram Cosedge, W.M.; J. W. Crossley, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Shilley, J.W.; J. Harling, P.M. Treas.; J. Driscoll, P.M. Sec.; T. E. Davey, S.D.; J. Linscott, J.D.; L. Steingrabber, I.G.; Chas. Davey, P.M.; Thos. Smith, P.M.; A. T. Gladwell, P.M.; H. Bethell, P.M.; A. Lefaux, P.M.; W. Ansell, P.M.; J. S. C. Smith, P.M.; S. Lumpen, J. Rotheroe, H. Meyer, M. Misch, B. Allendorf, S. Lewis, A. Couldery, Bergeman, J. Hilarath, J. W. Sanders, S. Fassheber, E. Bayley, and the following visitors: W. Bare, P.M. 1685; Delmen, 101; W. F. Murlie, P.M. 1642; H. Leah, P.M. 193; H. J. Amphlett, 1411; Hartring, 1139; J. Painter, 749; H. Shunley, 205; A. Lewabacher, 907; J. Godwin, 1343; Rev. W. H. W. Casely, 1580; Hotness, 1471; J. Slade, 1685; E. H. Page, 55; S. Richardson, 183; H. Forbes, 1329; H. Bergman, 238; W. T. Manyer, P.M. 1314, Secretary Benevolent Institution; and R. Senechal, P.M. 569.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. Cosedge, in his usually excellent style raised Bro. Sanders to the Degree of Master Mason, after which the W.M. brought a most successful and prosperous year to a close by installing Bro. J. W. Crossley into the chair of K.S. There were twenty-one installed Masters to witness the ceremony, and the unanimous voice was that although it was the W.M.'s first attempt it was most excellently performed. The new W.M. appointed the following brethren as officers: Bros. Cosedge, I.P.M.; J. Shilley, S.W.; T. E. Davey, J.W.; J. Harling, P.M. Treas.; J. Driscoll, P.M. Sec.; J. Linscott, S.D.; L. Steingrabber, J.D.; L. Couldery, I.G.; C. Davey, P.M., W.S.; S. G. Reinhardt, Tyler. Bro. Harling, in accordance with a notice of motion, moved that twenty guineas be placed on Bro. Driscoll's list as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and the same was agreed to unanimously.

There being no further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet served in the large room at the Guildhall Tavern. The usual loyal toasts followed, and were received, as is always the case in this lodge, in the heartiest manner. The I.P.M., in proposing "The Master's Health," said that it was a matter of regret that the duty devolved upon him, as it reminded him that his pleasant year of office had come to a close, but it also gave him pleasure to welcome so good a Mason to follow him. He had carefully observed the present Master in all the minor offices, and felt sure, from the careful way he had performed the duties connected therewith, he would now, that he had attained the highest rank in their lodge, use the same ability to make his year of office a truly successful one. The W.M., in giving "The Health of the I.P.M.," said that he certainly congratulated him upon the prosperous year he had had,

and also upon the courage he had shown in undertaking the ceremony of installation. He felt certain that everyone present would say it was done excellently. He had a pleasing duty to perform in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge, and trusted he might live many years to wear it. Bro. Cosedge, in returning thanks, said his success had been beyond his expectations, and he would not let this opportunity pass without thanking publicly Bros. T. Smith and Driscoll, for it was through their assistance he had been able to make himself so well acquainted with the various ceremonies. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Rev. W. H. W. Casely, who, in reply, said it had given him great pleasure to be present at the working of the beautiful ceremony of installation. He sometimes wished he could preach as good a sermon as that taught in the sublime language connected therewith; for, to sum it up in a few words, it taught us to aspire to higher things and to love charity. He thought there was one thing we lacked in Masonry, and that was hospitality to the ladies. The latter had every confidence in Masonry, as the result even in the Charities alone was a good one, but still they would have even a greater interest in our doings if on special occasions they were permitted to grace our board; and he trusted the day was not far distant when we should be able to ask our wives to partake with us of the abundance provided by the G.A.O.T.U. Bro. Terry made a forcible appeal on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, and during his speech said that the present year was one of great anxiety to him, as the numbers applying for the Fund were so great and they had so few vacancies. He thought that all the Charities connected with Masonry were well deserving of support, but the one he advocated especially so, as the poor old people seeking admission were quite helpless. We often heard where a family of children were left of someone kindly adopting some of them, but who ever heard of an old man or woman being adopted? He therefore trusted the brethren would help forward the Charity with a liberal hand, and support those who had borne the heat and burden of the day. We are glad to say the appeal was not without effect, as Bro. Driscoll informed the lodge that he had received promises during the evening amounting to £50, of which five guineas were kindly contributed by a visitor.

JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).—The members of this lodge celebrated their anniversary festival on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Among the visitors were Bros. A. W. Fenner, P.M. 1227, W.M. 1693; R. Larchin, W.M. 1541; Robert Harris, P.M.; James Hill, D. of C. 1658; E. Wallace, I.G. 907; G. Gaze, 40; G. Leach, P.M. 861; W. Side, I.P.M. 1507; J. Gibbs, 1580; H. G. Gush, J.W. 1541; W. Denison, S.W. 1541; W. W. Morgan, jun., J.W. 1107; and S. R. Speight, P.M. 147.

Lodge was opened by the W.M. of the past year, Bro. C. G. Payn, who was supported by Bro. T. Wallis, S.W., W.M. elect, several Past Masters, and the officers of the lodge. Mr. William Sharpe, M.D., and Mr. James Sinclair, two candidates for initiation, were balloted for, accepted, and duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Price was passed, and some other items of business being transacted, the W.M. elect was presented, and in due course installed. He appointed the new officers as follows: Bros. Dubie, S.W.; Fox, J.W.; Davage, Treas. and D. of C.; Elsam, Sec.; Simpson, S.D.; Dunkerley, J.D.; Sibley, I.G.; and Parkinson, Tyler.

The Installing Officer, Bro. Payn, then gave the addresses, and thus completed his part of the ceremony of the day. The newly-installed Master at once rose, and, in most gratifying terms, presented a Past Master's jewel to his predecessor. It afforded him great pleasure to do so, more especially as it had been voted to Bro. Payn by the unanimous voice of the lodge. He trusted Bro. Payn might live among them for many years to wear it, and that when it might please the G.A.O.T.U. to remove him from this sphere it might be transmitted to his children to act as an incentive to them to follow in their father's footsteps. In conclusion, he remarked that Bro. Payn justly deserved the jewel, and he felt particularly proud at being in a position which entitled him to place it on the breast of his worthy friend. Bro. Payn did not know in what terms to express his thanks. If he had, during the past year, done anything that had met with the approval of the brethren he was most gratified. He could say the handsome jewel with which the brethren had been pleased to decorate him amply repaid him for any little services he might have rendered to the lodge. Bro. Peter Robinson, P.M., and for some time past Secretary of the lodge, having expressed his desire to relinquish that post, it became necessary for the Master to appoint another brother to the office, which he did in the person of Bro. Elsam. In reference to this matter, Bro. Spooner, P.M., remarked that as their esteemed friend, Bro. Robinson, had felt it desirable to resign his office of Secretary, he thought all would admit the lodge must be looked upon as suffering a very great loss. He thought they were indebted to that brother for very much of the success which had attended the lodge during the past few years, and therefore considered some little recognition of his services should be made by the lodge. He felt he could say that every member wished him many years of enjoyment, and that each hoped the lodge would not lose his presence for many years to come, but that they might continue to enjoy his advice and Masonic knowledge as well as his genial friendship. He further proposed that a vote of thanks be given to him for his services during his term of office as Secretary, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. The proposition was seconded and carried with acclamation, after which the Master proceeded to close the lodge, having first given due attention to some matters brought forward by various other brethren.

A first-rate banquet followed, at which Bro. Davage, P.M., in the office of D.C., used every effort to ensure the comfort of all present, and we think he succeeded. The customary loyal toasts followed. The I.P.M. gave that of "The W.M." He rose with very great pleasure to propose the health of Bro. Wallis. The way in which he had fulfilled his duties that night might be accepted as a criterion of what he was capable of in the chair; while their experience of his working during the last two years gave them every reason to believe he would prove himself worthy of the position to which he had attained. The toast was heartily received; and the W.M., in reply, tendered his sincere thanks. He assured the brethren it would afford

him the greatest pleasure to fulfil the duties of the high office to which they had been pleased to appoint him. Nothing should be omitted on his part which would prevent his carrying out the duties of the office thoroughly, and, he hoped, to the satisfaction of all the brethren in the lodge. He next gave the toast of "The Initiates," to which Bro. Sharpe replied. He felt he should not be able to thank them as he ought, as on such occasions one's words usually deserted them. He trusted he might prove himself worthy of the Society into which he had that night been admitted. "The Visitors" were next toasted. The W.M. remarked it was ever the desire of the members of the Jordan Lodge to make their visitors joyful, and to send them away with the feeling that the brethren of the lodge were one in heart and good feeling. Bro. Mason (Collector Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution) replied, availing himself of the opportunity thus afforded him of addressing a few remarks to the brethren on the subject of the old folks and the claims made on the Institution with which he is officially connected. Bro. A. W. Fenner followed, and then the Master gave the toast of "The I.P.M."—a toast that all would drink very heartily. As he (the W.M.) was but young, he felt he should have to look a great deal to the I.P.M. for assistance, and he felt that he could rely on receiving it. Bro. Payn replied: After the high compliments passed upon him by both Master and visitors, he hardly knew what to say further than tender his heartiest thanks. He should be at all times ready and willing to do what lay in his power to advance the interests of the lodge. The Master was pleased, he said, in proposing the health of the Past Masters, to see so many rally round him. He felt also thankful to them, as all the members doubtless did also, for their readiness at all times to do anything in the lodge that might be required of them. Bro. Robinson replied, reviewing the progress of the lodge during the past few years, and thanking the brethren for their many kindnesses in the past. Bro. Elsam followed, and then the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was given, to which Bro. Davage suitably responded. "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some excellent songs from members and others.

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).—The installation meeting of this celebrated lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bro. H. J. Phillips, the W.M. of the lodge, was unfortunately absent on account of the death of his mother, and the melancholy circumstance was deeply regretted by the brethren, he having acquired the hearty goodwill of one and all since his connection with the lodge, and more especially during his year of office. The event was still more to be deplored, as his working had been unexceptional, and it was known that he had determined to instal his successor, and had prepared himself for that ceremony. In this the brethren had promised themselves a treat, as in the working of the other ceremonies he had acquired such high credit.

In the absence of the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. van Norden, P.M., and about 120 brethren attended. Among them were Past Masters A. Bassington, H. M. Harris, I. P. Cohen, S. H. Harris, F. Buckland, C. F. Hogard, A. M. Cohen, and Wolff Littaur. The visitors were Bro. J. L. Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Clarke, G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; W. Gibson Bott, W.M. 1839; T. C. Coope, I.P.M. 1859; G. H. Dowsett, 79; Asher Myers, 185; J. Bladen, 1839; J. W. Barber, W.M. 1767; D. M. Davis, Organist 1017; S. Barnett, S.D. 185; E. Martin, 1491; G. L. Moore, P.M. 169; J. Benjamin, S.D. 188; F. Croaker, W.M. 185; S. M. Lazarus, P.M. 188; J. L. Hickman, P.M. 188; W. Musto, 1349; C. H. Webb, P.M. 174; G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623; W. Russell, P.M. 77; J. Johnson, 1541; John Moore, 548; J. Terry, 228, Secretary R.M.B.I.; J. A. Kenneth Campbell, 1523; Lewis Lazarus, P.M. 188; W. Drewett, 1638; W. Hunter, 382; S. V. Abraham, W.M. 1017; W. J. Vallentine, W.S. 1017; R. Clowes, S.W. 630; G. Meads, J.D. 1321; Charles Hunt, P.M. 194; Robert Cullingham, 1178; W. T. Lever, W.M. 1668; J. Bartlett, W.M. 1347; Edgar Bowyer, P.P.S.G.W. Heits; E. L. Walford, 995; A. A. Marks, 185; L. Alexander, P.M. 188; J. W. Dewsnap, 188; Alfred Stokes, J.W. 1839; G. F. Smith, I.G. 1839; C. H. Cox, 188; L. M. Myer, W.M. 188; G. F. Smith, jun., S.W. 1839; G. F. Busbridge, P.M. 1086; J. Da Silva, 1839; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

After the minutes had been confirmed, and the minutes of the Audit Committee and the report of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund had been adopted, Bro. Norden initiated Messrs. E. A. Pridden and G. Cox. Bro. I. P. Cohen, P.M., acting as D.C., then presented to Bro. Norden Bro. Joseph Da Silva, S.W. and W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was thereupon performed by Bro. Norden with a perfection and accuracy which was universally acknowledged to be a wonderful achievement.

The brethren appointed to office were H. J. Harris, P.M., S.W.; Bro. Abraham Abrahams, reappointed J.W.; Bro. A. W. Cohen, P.M., Treasurer; Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M., Sec.; Gartley, S.D.; A. Ward, J.D.; E. H. Norden, I.G.; I. P. Cohen, P.M., D.C.; Pateman, Org.; Philcox, W.S.; and Rawles, Tyler.

Bro. Norden, P.M., then delivered the addresses. A vote of condolence to the I.P.M., Bro. Phillips, on the death of his mother was unanimously passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

On the motion of Bro. Harris, P.M. S.W., seconded by Bro. Gartley, S.D., the sum of five guineas was voted to the fund being raised at the Mansion House for the suffering Jews in Russia. There being no further business before the brethren, the Lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet, which was, as usual in this lodge, admirably supplied by the hotel, under the supervision of Bro. Cohen. The usual toasts were subsequently honoured.

Bro. James Lewis Thomas, P.G.A.D.C., responded to the toast of "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., &c." Referring to the complimentary remarks made by the W.M. on the way the Grand Officers did their duty, he said that they endeavoured to the best of their ability to do their duty in every possible way by the Craft. They had been raised to the position that they held, he presumed, for some little merit which they might have possessed. Among the

vast number of Masons but only a very few could attain to the high honour of being Officers of Grand Lodge. Of those great and illustrious brethren whom the W.M. had complimented he could say very little that the brethren did not already know, because he was sure that the names of Grand Officers were quite familiar, almost household words in the Craft. But for those Grand Officers present he could only say that they very highly appreciated the honour of having their names coupled with those great names in Freemasonry. This was not the first, second, or third time he had through the kindness of Bro. Hogard, visited this old and excellent lodge, and it always gave him the greatest pleasure, because the working of the lodge was of the most admirable kind. They had that evening witnessed the ceremonies worked in a manner which they would never see excelled anywhere in the land. One of the lodge's own P.M.'s, Bro. Norden, had performed the ceremonies in a manner that he (Bro. Thomas) had never seen surpassed. All the members of the lodge ought to be very proud of having such an accomplished Master among them. Then the hospitable board did not require any commendations from him, because the brethren knew there was no greater hospitality shewn in any lodge than there was in the lodge of Israel. But there was perhaps another feeling which he approached with greater hesitation and certainly greater respect than any other when he came to this lodge, because he could not but remember that he was among those brethren who had actually kept the light of Masonry from time immemorial among their illustrious nation. He felt the greatest and highest respect for the race which had preserved that glorious light amidst the darkness and ignorance of the surrounding nation, and the regard and veneration he had for that historical and eminent race was beyond expression.

Bro. Norden, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he exceedingly regretted that he should have been called upon to undertake the task, for the very simple reason that it should have fallen to the hands of Bro. Humphrey J. Phillips, who unfortunately, from domestic affliction, was kept away. Still, it was a very great pleasure, because the W.M. and himself joined the lodge within a month of each other; therefore he felt the more gratified that he had been able to instal him. No doubt the brethren had noticed that during his career in the lodge Bro. Joseph Da Silva had fulfilled all the duties when he had been called upon to the utmost satisfaction to the whole of the brethren, and he would do the same in the chair of K.S., because having attended lodges of instruction with him, he (Bro. Norden) was able to testify that he was capable of carrying out the duties of the chair as well as any other brother in the lodge. He trusted sincerely that Bro. Da Silva would have a prosperous year of office.

In reply, the W.M. said it was a great gratification to him to have had the compliment paid him of electing him to the chair, and also the compliment of the hearty reception just accorded. The manner in which he had been treated by members of the lodge from the earliest moment of his joining the noble Order, until it had culminated in the happy position he was now placed in, was a great pride to him. He had been treated with that amount of cordiality and esteem which every Freemason seemed to extend to every other, and which appeared to be the principal object actually of a true Freemason's heart. In expressing his feelings of gratification, he could not do adequately do so in words as he was completely overwhelmed, and had been so all the evening, by the expressions of hearty goodwill and affection which he had heard, not only from the members of the lodge, but also from the brethren who had attended for the purpose of assisting at his installation. Therefore, both to the members of the lodge and the visitors he begged to offer his most hearty thanks.

The next toast was "The Masonic Charities and the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund." He said they looked to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to provide support and comfort to those brethren who had in days gone by perhaps seen affluence, but who, through age and adversity, were compelled to seek assistance. It was on their behalf that Institution was founded, and Bro. Terry would bear him out that during the years it had been in existence it had fulfilled not only to the utmost the scheme that was proposed for it, but that it had far exceeded the estimate first made. But whether it had or not, the future would show that as Freemasonry extended threefold the spirit of philanthropy and generosity pervading Freemasons' breasts would extend tenfold. He therefore asked the brethren to support this Institution, for which he was going to be Steward at the next festival, on the 21st February, and he hoped the brethren would rally round him and send him with a good list from the Lodge of Israel. At the same time the other Institutions must not be left without support. The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Israel would be explained by Bro. A. M. Cohen, who greatly desired that the money it had should reach four figures, which he saw in the not very far distance.

Bro. James Terry, in replying, explained the good the Benevolent Institution was doing and said there were 335 old persons receiving, the men £40 a year each, and the widows £32 a year each. The Institution was paying in this way £11,600 per annum. Nine years ago it was paying only £3,400 a year, or £800 a year less than now. The W.M. was therefore right when he said that while Masonic lodges increased threefold he expected the philanthropy of Masons would increase tenfold. He thought there were occasions when the lodge Benevolent Fund would not be equal to the demand upon it, and the Benevolent Institution would be called upon. For instance, to produce £40 a year for a man over 60 years of age, according to the government valuation, £300 or £400 would be necessary. A brother of the Lodge of Israel was an annuitant of the Benevolent Institution, receiving £40 a year, but the Institution did not come to ask the lodge to donate from its fund the purchase money of that annuity. He therefore ventured to think the Institution might look for some little support from the lodge; and he reminded the brethren that £5 a year would give one vote, £10 two votes, and five guineas would make a brother a Life Governor, with two votes for life at each election.

Bro. W. M. Cohen, P.M., replied for "The Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund," and exhorted the brethren to make the amount four figures. This fund has £650 invested in Consols, and a balance in hand of £68 8s. 9d.

"The I.P.M." was next toasted, the W.M. expressing the great regret he felt at the unavoidable absence of Bro. H. J. Phillips. In his absence, however, Bro. L. Norden had at the last moment undertaken the duties of Installing

Master, and had filled those duties with credit to himself, and in such a manner as to do great honour to the lodge. He was sure he only echoed the wish of every brother to couple the name of Bro. L. Norden, and give a hearty response to the toast.

It was here announced, amidst cheering, that Bro. Terry had kindly placed twenty guineas from the Province of Kent upon the W. Master's list as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Norden, P.M., then thanked the whole of the brethren for the hearty and cordial reception which had greeted his name as I.P.M. He felt that he had only done what was his duty, and what was required of every P.M. of a lodge who should seek to be of use and not ornaments only.

In giving "The Visitors," Bro. Da Silva remarked that the lodge was honoured with many visiting brethren, from Grand Lodge Officers downwards to Entered Apprentices. The Lodge of Israel at all times offered a cordial welcome to their visitors, and he would couple the names of Bros. Clarke, P.G.P., and Croaker, W.M. 185.

Bro. Clarke thanked the brethren for the opportunity which had again offered of visiting the lodge and seeing the excellent working. He felt there was at all times something which might be learnt by visiting, and he had been highly gratified by what he had witnessed.

Bro. Croaker also returned thanks. It was the first time he had visited the lodge, and he had spent a very happy evening.

The W.M. next gave "The Past Masters," including the Treasurer and Secretary. He felt sure the work done by all those brethren at all times gave satisfaction to the brethren of the lodge and was such as the younger members of the lodge would do well to imitate.

Bro. S. M. Harris, P.M., gave a very humorous response to the cordial reception of this toast; and the "Masonic Press" was honoured, the W.M. dwelling upon the service which the journals devoted to Masonic information did for the Craft.

Bros. Morgan and Stevens having suitably responded, the officers were toasted, the W.M. expressing the hope that his choice that evening would be justified by the efficient performance of the various offices during the ensuing year. After replies from Bros. Harrison, S.W., and an explanation from Bro. A. Abraham, J.W., the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the W.M.'s list reached £78, and the Lodge Benevolent Fund was augmented by over £12 12s. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. G. F. Smith, jr., Org. 1706, who was ably assisted by Miss Hoare, Miss Heath, and Bros. F. Bevan, G. Carter, and Clowes.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. After the transaction of the usual business, and Bro. Musto having been raised, Bro. W. Fieldson, Editor of the *Norwich Argus*, was, in a most impressive manner, installed to the chair of K.S. by Bro. S. P. Catterton, I.P.M. The W.M. elect then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Batchelor, S.W.; Folmes, J.W.; West, Treas.; E. J. B. Bumstead, Sec.; Newell, J.D.; Stentford, I.G.; W. Catterton, D.C.; Carman, A.D.C.; and G. Kitson, W.S. Bro. Fieldson next, in appropriate terms, invested the retiring W.M. with a handsome jewel, voted at a previous meeting, and that worthy brother having expressed his heartfelt thanks therefor, the lodge was closed according to ancient form, and the brethren (about sixty) sat down to as splendid a Masonic banquet as we ever had the pleasure of partaking of, Host Morgan being rather famous for his *menu* and wine *carte*. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and both speeches and songs smacked of a vigour that was pleasant to listen to. There were fourteen Past Masters present (for whom Bro. Bagshaw responded), while "The Visitors" found advocates in Bros. P. Soman, 807, 213, Prov. G.S. of Norfolk, and B. Isaac, W.M. 73. The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated at "high twelve," well pleased with the evening's proceedings, and wishing the W.M. better health than he appeared to enjoy.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—At the last regular meeting of the above lodge on the 12th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, there were present Bros. W. J. Smith, W.M.; R. Burleton, S.W.; G. S. Barker, J.W.; W. H. Wallington, P.M., Treas.; L. F. Littell, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Pavett, S.D.; M. Christian, J.D.; Seymour Smith, Org.; A. Saunders, I.G.; J. L. Cornu, Stwd.; J. C. Bates, P.M.; H. C. Dalwood, P.M.; W. Dodson, P.M.; W. G. Dickens, I.P.M.; J. Richardson, G. H. Jackson, J. Wade, F. Gabriel, R. Lamb, C. Winterton, J. Jones, T. Shaw, H. Pilcher, J. Wyal, T. Pinn, E. Evans, T. Richardson, A. J. Clarke, R. G. Maney, W. Johnson, W. Lupson, Hobbs, Ball, E. Prosser, J. H. Collins, W. H. Holt, G. T. Scott, J. J. Marsh, Tyler, and others. The visitors were Bros. H. Follett, P.M. 45; T. Bolt, 45; R. A. Stell, P.M. 1104; J. Bryne, 1681; G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*).

Lodge was duly opened and the minutes confirmed. The only business on the summons was the initiation of a candidate into the Order. Unfortunately, however, the gentleman was unavoidably absent. Some discussion ensued upon the Charities, with the satisfactory result of the lodge placing £10 10s. upon Bro. Dodson's list, as Steward for the approaching festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. It was announced that this sum would, in conjunction with previous grants, constitute the Dalhousie Lodge a Vice-President of the Institution. A sum of £5 5s. was voted in the case of a distressed brother, to assist him in his troubles. "Hearty good wishes" were given and the lodge was closed.

The brethren, numbering forty, sat down to a capital banquet, at the conclusion of which, the evening being very early, a very long toast list was fully honoured. After the usual loyal and Craft toasts had been duly received, Bro. Dickinson, I.P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M." He said the duty of proposing this toast was a very agreeable one, for he knew all the brethren highly esteemed the W.M., who had worked through the various offices to his present proud position, the duties of which no one could wish to see better performed. The toast was drunk with great cordiality. Bro. Smith, in response, returned his sincere thanks for the very flattering manner in which his

health had been received. He was very gratified to see the appreciation by the brethren of the manner in which he had discharged his duties, and which he would endeavour to maintain, and hoped it would continue. The W.M. next said he had a pleasing duty to perform—one of doing honour to the worthy—and he felt sure this pleasure was shared in by every brother present. Addressing Bro. Littell, P.M., Bro. Smith said: "There were many brethren in the lodge who possessed more ability and were more competent to perform the pleasing task than himself, but he (the W.M.) would yield to no man one grain of the high appreciation of his character as a citizen and a brother. By his conduct in the lodge he had won golden opinions of all present, and were he not present he would be able to say much more of him, which he was sure the brethren one and all would endorse." The W.M. then handed Bro. Littell a handsome silver tea service, weighing forty-four ounces, each article being suitably engraved, and in doing so said: Allow me to present you in the name of the brethren of the lodge this tea service, which they offer you as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of your services. May T.G.A.O.T.U. grant you a long life to enjoy it as a tribute to the worthy. (Cheers.) Bro. Littell, in a long and interesting speech, returned thanks for the honour done him so unexpectedly and cordially. "The Visitors" were then toasted and responded to by several of the visiting brethren. The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Dickens, Bale, Dallwood, Dodson, and Littell, and that of "The Treasurer" acknowledged by Bro. W. H. Wallington. The toast of "The Officers" was given and heartily received, and the Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. Bro. Seymour Smith contributed greatly to the pleasures of the evening, and found capital assistance in Bros. Follett, P.M. Dodson, Stephens, the W.M., P.M. Wallington, G. H. Stephens, and Evans.

DOBIE LODGE (No. 880).—The brethren of this old lodge assembled at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., Bro. Sigismund Mitan, W.M., presiding. Lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, when a favourable ballot was taken for Messrs. Redgrave and Porter, and they were duly initiated. Bro. Chapman was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The whole of the ceremonies, including the installation of the W.M. elect, were ably performed by the W.M.; Bro. R. T. Elsam, P.M., P.P.G.O., giving the addresses. Bro. Sigismund Mitan, I.P.M., was then presented with a Past Master's jewel, and thanked the members of the lodge for this recognition of their regard. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Sigismund Mitan, I.P.M.; Alfred Nuthall, S.W.; Tisley, G.S., J.W.; Long, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; James Squire, P.M., P.P.G.O., Sec.; Francis Buckland, P.M., P.P.G.O., D.C. and W.S.; V. T. Honeywell, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; T. Weaver, P.M., S.D.; Edwards, J.D.; Chapman, I.G.; and Gilbert, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed in due form, the business having occupied nearly four hours, and the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet. The usual loyal and other toasts were given and duly responded to. "The Visitors" toast had many respondents, as there was a very large array of distinguished brethren present representing many surrounding lodges. The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—The fourteenth installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when a large and influential number of brethren were present to witness the investiture of Bro. W. Cleghorn as W.M., the ceremony being given with great precision and ability by Bro. Sam. Webb, P.M. The brethren present included Bros. G. T. K. Tribbell, W.M.; W. Cleghorn, S.W.; Thos. Owen, J.W.; Sam. Webb, P.M., Treas.; T. H. Staton, P.M., Sec.; Thomas E. Bathard, S.D.; Charles Kempton, J.D.; John B. Lancaster, D. of C.; Edwin Lancaster, P.M., W.S.; G. C. Morant, Org.; R. Cane, I.G.; H. T. Reed, P.M.; James Forbes, P.M. (who initiated the new Master); G. W. West, P.M.; P. G. Jupe, P.M.; J. W. Robinson, P.M.; and A. Christie, P.M.; being the whole of the Past Masters with but one exception. Among the lay members were Bros. Jas. Vinnicombe, E. Milton Parrott, W. E. Kelsey, E. Lloyd, James S. Powell, Thos. Clarke, Henry J. Hill, Thomas Youens, H. Moore, Thos. Myatt, H. Bell, C. Johns, James D. Morant, G. Edwards, Horace T. Bonner, E. Gosling, W. Corke, G. H. Smith, A. Bradford, E. Abercrombie, Charles Traire, John Jackson, J. W. Robinson, Dunham, J. Edgar, A. Orton, A. Farey, A. Reid, A. Kempton, H. Dobby, G. Pallett, John Paul, and John N. Foster.

The visitors were as follows: Bros. H. Allhausen, W.M. 435; E. Walbauche, P.M. 144; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; L. Norvakeroski, P.M. 534; Dr. H. Pranthwaite, P.M. 1041, 1087; T. Wallis, S.W. 201; W. O. Lyons, J.W. 34; George Edwards, J.W. 1506; R. Oxenham, 11; C. V. Smith, 145; James Reid, 72; T. G. Penton, 525; C. Lloyd, 1141; R. Kelsey, 1178; F. W. Case, 1312; Charles Sissons, 1671; Henry White, 1671; J. N. Carpenter, 1891; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last meeting of the lodge having been read and confirmed, the W.M. Bro. Tribbell, in a very creditable manner raised Bro. Parrott to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. This ceremony being concluded, the Master's chair was taken by Bro. S. Webb, to whom Bro. Cleghorn was presented, to receive at his hands the privilege of installation, and having assented to the laws contained in the Book of Constitutions, read over by the Secretary, Bro. Staton, he was duly obligated, and subsequently installed into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was performed in a masterly manner by Bro. Webb, and the addresses delivered by Bro. H. T. Reed, in a style seldom equalled for its impressive and forcible delivery. The W.M. appointed and invested the following: Bros. Thos. Owen, S.W.; Thos. E. Bathard, J.W.; Sam. Webb, P.M., Treas.; Thomas Henry Staton, P.M., Sec.; Charles Kempton, S.D.; R. Case, J.D.; Jno. B. Lancaster, I.G.; G. D. Morant, Organist; and Rawles, Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. gave early proof of his efficiency for the office by the very able manner in which he performed the next ceremony, that of initiating Messrs. Howe, Bosco, and Fanchette, ballot for whom was separately taken immediately the installation was concluded.

The audit account, which was found to be most satisfactory, was then put to the lodge and carried unanimously.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, where they partook of a sumptuous banquet, served in excellent style by Bro. Best, under the superintendence of Bro. Dawkins. On the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were proposed; the first being "The Queen and the Craft," followed by the National Anthem. The next was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," in introducing which, the W.M. remarked that much of the popularity of the Craft was due to the leading part H.R.H. took in it. Of necessity, in time the Prince of Wales would exchange the gavel for the sceptre, when, if the duties of that high station were performed as ably as he had his Masonic functions, a more popular sovereign there would not be. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Dep. G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was heartily received. The next toast was "The Initiates," the W.M. observing that the names of the distinguished brethren who had proposed them was a sufficient guarantee of their ability. The newly-enlightened ones neatly and briefly replied. The I.P.M. then proposed in flattering terms "The Health of the W.M., who, in reply, said he felt proud of the honourable position he then held. The duties he knew were arduous, but they would be rendered less so by the support he felt confident he should at all times receive from the officers and brethren. He intended to observe during his year of office, strict punctuality, and would open the lodge within a quarter of an hour after the time at which it had been summoned, and should any officer be absent at the time of opening, a substitute should be found until his arrival. He felt called upon to make these remarks, as unpunctuality was now so common in London lodges, but which as far as he was concerned, should not be the case with the Great Northern Lodge. The next toast was that of "Visitors," to which Bro. Walbauche, H. M. Levy, Dr. Branthwaith, and Lyon responded. The W.M. proposed the "I.P.M.," and in doing so said, as all were as competent to judge of his merits as the speaker, he would but add, that he had attended every meeting regularly, and every duty, small or great, had always received his best attention. He was well-known to be a conscientious and upright mason and well deserved the handsome jewel which he now had the pleasure of presenting. Bro. Tribbell in returning thanks expressed with what pleasure he received the jewel, which he should prize far more than any other he possessed. Bro. Tribbell also thanked the officers for the valuable assistance they had rendered him during the past year. The remaining toasts were proposed in due course and responded to. In addition to the names already mentioned the brethren were indebted to Bros. John Jackson, H. Bell, J. Edgar, and G. C. Morant, for their vocal and other contributions.

EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE (No. 1346).—At the regular monthly meeting of the above lodge, owing to the unfortunate absence of the W.M. (Bro. J. E. Cockett) and S.W., lodge was opened by Bros. A. F. Lay, P.M.; E. Wright, P.M., as S.W.; J. P. Fitzgerald, J.W.; R. A. Wright, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Anning, P.M. 1625, Sec.; W. Green, S.D.; J. S. Hegarty, J.D.; H. T. Lowe, P.M., D. of C.; J. F. Haskins, Mus. Doctor, Org.; G. J. Pope, I.G.; H. Lowe, Steward; H. W. Gompertz, P.M., as I.P.M.; J. H. Maples, P.M.; G. A. Rean, P.M.; H. F. Whitford, B. Clarke, F. J. Crook, H. B. Chamberlain, A. Henne, B. F. Wood, H. J. Bridegroom, and others.

Visitors: Bros. W. Gray, J.D. 1480; H. Forss, 554; F. W. Barratt, 1567; J. Roberts, 65; R. W. Goddard, P.M. 65; and G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1523 (*Freemason*).

The lodge and brethren were in mourning in respect for the late Bro. C. Maddever, P.M., and on the entrance of the officers the "Dead March in Saul" (Handel) was impressively performed by Bro. Dr. Haskins whilst the brethren passed in solemn procession round the lodge. The minutes of the last lodge meeting were submitted by Bro. Anning, P.M., Sec., and received confirmation. Bro. F. W. Barratt, of the Elliot Lodge, 1567, was, by permission of the W.M. and the courtesy of the lodge, passed to the Degree of F.C., the ceremony being carried with great attention to detail under the superintendence of the Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Lowe, P.M., the music introduced being appropriate and adding to the general effect. The next business was to receive the report of the bye-laws, sub-committee, which was a carefully prepared work; the suggestions it contained were adopted *pro forma*, and will be submitted to the brethren at the next regular meeting for final approval. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and lodge closed. The brethren subsequently, over a glass of wine, honoured the usual loyal and Craft toasts, and separated at an early hour.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Arderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Bro. W. M. Stiles, W.M., opened his lodge at five o'clock, and proceeded, in his usual able manner, to perform the three ceremonies. Bros. J. F. Saunders and R. J. Dormer were raised; Bros. R. B. Briggs and J. Sturmer were passed; and Messrs. Layton A. Richardson and Francis Ashton were initiated. A goodly muster of members and visitors were present, and the W.M. was well supported by Past Masters Bros. Side, Scales, and Michael, and the officers: Bros. H. Stiles, S.W.; G. Clark, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, S.D.; G. Edwards, J.D.; J. Raney, I.G.; J. Knight, D.C.; Edmunds, W.S.; F. Dimsdale, Org.; and J. Daly, Tyler. There was a banquet at the close of the proceedings.

PAXTON LODGE (No. 1686).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday, the 14th inst., and a most enjoyable evening spent by the members, who seem animated with one idea—to promote each other's comfort and happiness. The only business was the passing of Bro. Garland, which was excellently rendered by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Boswell. After the closing, the brethren partook of a plain but excellent supper. The toasts were duly honoured; "The Visitors" being replied to by Bro. Sir Francis Knowles.

Among the brethren present were Bros. J. M. Klenck,

P.M.; H. E. Frances, P.P.G.D. Surrey, Sec.; F. J. Sawyer, P.M.; Walker, S.D.; F. Goddard, J.D.; Partidge, I.G.; Demant, F. Pinote, Harrington, N. Garland, and others.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., at Arderton's Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. A. P. Staley, W.M., who was well supported by his officers and brethren. The business before the lodge included one initiation, and Mr. Tiffin, the candidate, was duly instructed in the first principles of Freemasonry. The ceremony of installing Bro. Kenneth Harris into the chair of K.S. was ably performed by the Secretary of the lodge, Bro. W. C. Bush, P.M. 1728, and W.M. elect of 185. The officers appointed by the new W.M. are Bros. A. P. Staley, I.P.M.; B. Buckworth, P.M. 1799, S.W.; W. Woodward, J.W.; G. Adamson, P.M. 109 and 1208, P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent, Treasurer; T. W. C. Bush, Secretary; G. S. Recknall, S.D.; R. Kimpton, J.D.; E. N. Carter, I.G.; J. W. Chapman, D.C.; E. Stubbs, W.S.; and A. B. Church, Tyler. The Past Masters of the lodge present, not included in the list of officers, were Bros. Dixon, and Charles Butcher. Among the visitors were Bros. Harry Tipper, 185; Edwin Moore 1071; J. J. Mustart, 174; R. Leaman, 1707; James Terry, 228, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Frederick Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School; L. Lewis, 1598; and E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297 (*Freemason*).

After the conclusion of the business of the meeting, the brethren and their guests assembled in the pillar room to dine, to the number of about forty; and after the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, and duly honoured by the company. The first toast was of course "The Queen and the Craft," in proposing which the Chairman remarked that he would confine himself to the mere proposition of the toast, as he could offer no observations without travelling over ground that had been occupied by thousands of speakers before him. The Chairman said the next toast that I have the honour to offer for your acceptance is "The Health of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, of the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and of the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Speaking of H.R.H., he remarked upon the immense benefit as well as honour the Craft derived from his occupation of the Grand Master's chair, upon the great interest that exalted personage took in the well being of the Craft, and the willingness he at all times evinced to come among them when his coming was compatible with the numerous calls upon his time. They had also the Earl of Carnarvon the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, all of whom were ever ready to do their duty, and the Craft were properly very proud of them. They had two Grand Officers with them that evening (no, no), at all events they had two very prominent members of the Craft, whose names were as familiar as household words among the brethren. Bros. Binckes and Terry were known not alone in all parts England, Scotland and Ireland, but on the Continent of Europe, in America, in Asia, Africa and Australia—indeed wherever Freemasonry existed the name of these brethren were known in connection with the grand institutions which they represented. He would therefore call upon Bros. Binckes and Terry to respond to the toast he had proposed. Bro. Binckes: Worshipful Master and brethren, I assure you I rise with a great deal of reluctance to respond to this very comprehensive toast that has just been proposed; the difficulty of properly executing the task is so great that I only accept it because I look upon the W.M. as supreme this evening, and therefore upon his wish as a command, and I should be the last in the world to do anything to lower the prestige of his position. It is solely in obedience to his command that by responding for this toast I occupy a position to which I have no absolute right. No member of the Order has any right whatever to say one word on behalf of the Grand Master; we simply look with gratitude upon what that august brother has done for the Order. As regards the other Grand Officers they are always ready to do whatever they can, and no two noblemen better qualified than the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom could be found for the important Grand Offices which they occupy. The rest of the Grand Officers, both past and present, are ever alive to the responsibilities of their positions, and are on all occasions, ready to encourage by their presence and assist with their advice. As I have already said, Bro. Terry and I are not Grand Officers, though we are sometimes, as to-day, placed in the position of having to respond for them, but whether we are or not, we do not indulge in any feelings of envy, but it is our highest gratification to do whatever we can as faithfully as we can, as the chief officers of two of the grandest institutions in the world. Bro. Staley, I.P.M.: The next toast is that of the "Worshipful Master." In his praise I feel that I can say very little. His amiability and desire to render all that service that belongs to his position leaves very little for me to say. I can only say that during his year of office he will do all in his power to promote the interests of the Temple Bar Lodge, and to promote happiness and good fellowship among its members. The Chairman: Our brother, the I.P.M., has told you that he can say very little in my praise, but I am aware that he did not mean exactly what his words expressed. In reply to the toast that has been proposed I can only once more reiterate my desire and intention of doing the best in my power during my year of office, and I look forward to a very prosperous year. I think, and I know, that the brethren around me entertain the best wishes and the best feeling. I shall do all in my power to promote the interests of the lodge, and endeavour to forward the interests of the Craft on every occasion in the heartiest manner.—The Chairman in proposing the toast of "The Initiate," said, I now rise to give you a toast that is always a most welcome one—that of the Initiate. We are always ready to welcome any brother upon his entry into our Craft. I do not think there is any chance of the honourable society of Freemasons decaying, looking to the number of candidates that are initiated year by year. Of one thing I am sure, that as our newly-made brother progresses in knowledge of the Order the more he will rejoice at what he has undertaken.—Bro. Tiffin responded, and said: Worshipful Master and brethren, I am very proud to become a member of your lodge. I am young at present in my experience of Freemasonry, but I hope to go through

the round of offices and some day to win the office of Worshipful Master. The Worshipful Master then proposed the "Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. Lewis and Bro. Moore. The Chairman: I rise to propose the toast of "The Masonic Charities." What are we formed for if not for charity? That is the aim and object of our life. Charity is the most potent of all Masonic work. We know the work the Charities do. Two brethren we have here to-night; I need say very little about them, for they are known, not only in England, Ireland, and Scotland, but all over the Continent, and Asia, Africa, and America the names of the two brethren we have here are known; wherever the sun rises and sets the names of Bro. Binckes and Bro. Terry are known—two giants, two champions of charity. Let us drink to the prosperity of the Charities, and couple with the toast the names of Bros. Binckes and Terry, who are heart and soul in the cause of Masonic charity, doing always the best they can. The toast was responded to by both Bros. Binckes and Terry, who took the opportunity of urging the claims of the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution in very apt and forcible speeches, which evidently won the sympathies of their audience, and will probably lead to both Institutions being considerably benefited by the Temple Bar Lodge at the ensuing festivals. Several other toasts were proposed by the Chairman, and very heartily received by the brethren, including that to "Bro. Bush, P.M. and Sec., as the Installing Officer," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers;" and concluding, as usual, with the Tyler's toast. Several brethren, both members and visitors, enlivened the intervals between toast and reply with a variety of very good vocal and instrumental music, and contributed materially to the enjoyment of what was from first to last a very pleasant meeting.

BROMLEY SAINT LEONARD LODGE

(No. 1805).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Monday, the 9th inst., at Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, E., when Bro. W. R. Marsh, I.P.M., officiated as W.M., supported by the following officers: Bros. W. Bramham, S.W. and W.M. elect; R. T. Fennell, J.W.; J. M. Knight, Treas.; W. J. Rawley, Sec.; A. Peterken, S.D.; R. B. Brinkley, J.D.; and J. E. McLaren, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read. The auditor's report was read, and adjourned till next meeting for discussion. The ballot was then taken for Mr. William Groome Fulton, and being clear, that gentleman was initiated. The ceremony of installation followed, when, in consequence of Bro. Marsh being suddenly indisposed and losing his voice, the duties of installing Master devolved upon Bro. William Clarke, G.P. England, who performed the ceremony in a most efficient and eloquent manner. The W.M. appointed Bros. R. T. Fennell, S.W.; J. M. Knight, J.W.; J. Collier, Treas.; W. J. Rawley, Sec.; A. Peterken, S.D.; R. B. Brinkley, J.D.; J. E. McLaren, I.G.; P. B. Womersley, D.C.; G. Marsland and H. B. Forbes, Stewards. A vote of thanks was unanimously resolved to be placed on the minutes to Bro. Clarke for his kindness in officiating. It was resolved that a clasp be added to Bro. W. R. Marsh's Past Master's jewel, to mark the services he has rendered the lodge since the decease of its late W.M. in September. Bro. J. M. Knight, J.W., offered himself as Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at the forthcoming festival.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Guildhall Coffee House, to partake of a sumptuous banquet, well catered by the proprietors. The W.M. briefly proposed the toasts in the regular manner; Bro. W. Clarke, G.P., responding for "The Grand Officers" and also as "The Installing Master," much regretting, as all present did, the circumstances that caused the same. Bro. J. Dennis, W.M. elect 1804, proposed "The Charities" in a most able and masterly manner, which was responded to by Bro. J. M. Knight, J.W. "The Visitors" toast was responded to by Bros. B. Cundick, P.M., and J. Dennis, W.M. elect 1804. Music and songs were rendered by Bros. Knight, Forbes, Brinkley, Logan, and Seddon.

The following visitors were present: Bros. B. Cundick, P.M. 1424; G. Seddon, P.M. 1743; J. Dennis, W.M. elect 1804; F. A. White, P.M. 607; J. T. Robey, I.G. 1804; R. Logan, 1804; G. Larcombe, 174; J. Baker, 1672; G. Bartholomew, 1673; J. Howard, 72; G. E. Bird, 237; H. Cordey, 91; J. S. Hegarty, 1634; M. R. Barrett, 141; and W. Boorman, 65.

SIR THOMAS WHITE LODGE (No. 1820).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Spiers and Pond's Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, on Wednesday, the 25th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Nye Williams, W.M. Prior to the performance of the installation ceremony, the ordinary business of the lodge was transacted, including the ceremony of raising Bro. Trender to the Degree of M.M. This ceremony being completed, Bro. P. M. Grey, Treasurer of the lodge, took his place in the east, when Bro. Dr. Thomas Trollope was presented to him as the W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, to whom Bro. Trollope was also presented, and he was thereafter duly installed into the chair of K.S., Bro. Grey shortening the ceremony considerably, on account of Bro. Trollope being already a P.M. The usual addresses were delivered by Bro. Grey in a highly impressive manner.

The officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. W. R. Nye Williams, I.P.M.; F. J. Vials, S.W.; Hoskens, J.W.; Hall, Chap.; Robt. Grey, Treas.; H. F. Grey, Sec.; Henry Bere, S.D.; Geo. Drysdale, D.C.; Wm. Brown, J.D.; W. H. Bailly, I.G.; Barnfield, Steward; and J. Daly, Tyler.

The following were among the visitors present on the occasion: Bros. John H. Scott, P.G.D.; W. J. Ewings, P.M. 143; W. Bayter Johnson, J.W. 134; E. Janan, 1641; H. Ebbetts, 14; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; Col. Clarke, G. Sec.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C., P.G.D., Dep. P.G.M. Essex; Rev. Ambrose Hall, Grand Chap.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; H. T. Dumas, P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Chas. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S.; Rowland Plumbe, 46; Theo. Saunder, S.W. 551; Josiah Houle, P.M. 92; Spencer J. Weston, P.M. 7; E. A. Beckett, 1364; Rallings, and E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297 (Freemason).

The W.M. said that the first duty he had to perform was to present, in the name of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. Williams; and, in affixing it to his breast, to say on behalf of the brethren that they wished it to be considered not merely as an empty compliment, or an expression that he had done his duty during

his year of office, but to show that they feel deeply indebted to him as one of the founders of the lodge, for the steps he took in floating it, and for all he had done to increase its reputation; and, in affixing it to his breast, he would express the hope that it might be established among the most valued Masonic trophies in Bro. Williams' possession.

Bro. Williams having said a few appropriate words in acknowledgment, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room.

On the removal of the cloth, the Chairman rose and said: Brethren, in an assembly like the present, composed entirely of Masons, and principally of old Merchant Taylors, I am sure a very few words are necessary to commend the first toast. From earliest boyhood sentiments of loyalty were impressed upon us, and since that time in the Craft these sentiments have been fostered and matured. Our beloved Sovereign is patroness of our noble Charities and mother of your honoured Princes. I give you "The Queen and the Craft."

The Chairman: Brethren, having paid due honour to our Most Gracious Sovereign, I call upon you to join me in drinking "The Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales." I am right in saying he takes the greatest interest in the matters pertaining to the Craft, not performing his duties in a perfunctory manner, but subjecting what is submitted to him to the nicest scrutiny. I am proud to say he was nominated by a member of my own profession, Dr. A. Meadows, to be the G.M. for the current year, and I trust that His Royal Highness will live many years to preside over the Craft as successfully as he has done hitherto.

The Chairman: Brethren, it gives me very great pleasure to rise and propose the next toast, important and comprehensive as it is, because I see around me brethren who will be proud to respond to that toast, "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the Worshipful and Very Worshipful Grand Officers, Present and Past." With the Earl of Carnarvon, you who have had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge, must have been struck with the care and deliberation with which he presides over that body. We are very sorry that on account of his health he has not been able to preside lately, but his indisposition is, happily, not likely to be of long continuance, and we may hope soon to see him again acting when, from his multitudinous engagements, His Royal Highness is not able to be present. With regard to the Earl of Lathom, I suppose no nobleman is more popular. I would merely say that he presides over that enormous province West Lancashire, which comprises about seventy lodges, and for the rest of the Grand Officers, brethren, I feel personally complimented when I view the wonderful assembly of Grand Officers which we have around us this evening. Some few I must speak of. I wish to say, as regards the Grand Chaplain, that he is the first Master of a most successful lodge, which was founded in honour of his great prototype, St. Ambrose. Then we have the Grand Secretary; the courtesy and affability with which he discharges his duties are well known. There is no Masonic work, whether it be installation of a Prov. Grand Master, or the presiding at the consecration of a lodge, but there is the Grand Secretary always at the front, and always most energetic in everything he does; always pleased to go to their anniversaries, and come to us as we have him to-night, as we have had him before, and as we hope to have him again. I would simply mention the names of Bro. Fenn and Bro. Murton, those Gamaliels at whose feet so many of our young brethren have knelt and acquired their learning. Bro. Peter de Lande Long, whose genial face is known here as well as in Brighton and Sussex generally, and Bro. Dumas, whose services to the Charities are well known; I wish particularly to mention the name of Bro. Greenwood. Our Bro. Philbrick is well known in Grand Lodge, and is Deputy Grand Master of the province of Sussex, where I first saw the light of Masonry, and Bro. Scott—no more honoured name in the Province of Sussex. I don't know that I need allude to any more of the Grand Officers. We all know that for great services they have been placed in the conspicuous positions they hold; they have given their time, their services, and their money in the cause of Masonry and in the cause of charity. We have several Grand Officers present, and we should have had more but for special causes. Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter) is unable to be present on account of his health, Bro. Monckton and Bro. Parkinson are also unavoidably absent. Brethren: I ask you to rise and join with me in drinking the health of these and all other Grand Officers, coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Ambrose Hall.

Bro. Ambrose Hall having replied,

Bro. Dr. Williams, I.P.M., said: Brethren, it is very clear to you why I hold this gavel in my hand. At the same time I am speaking somewhat at a disadvantage. During the past year I have been unable to attend to my duties until two months ago, and I do not feel well qualified to criticise the work of the W.M. I ask you to drink his health and a prosperous year of office. You know what efforts he has made during the last two years to attend this lodge, and the work he has done, and we wish him a happy and prosperous year of office in one of the best lodges in the Craft. Long life and prosperity to our W.M., Bro. Trollope.

Chairman: Worshipful and very Worshipful Past Master, Dr. Williams, I am sure I am very thankful for the kind manner in which you have introduced my name, and to you, brethren, for the manner in which you have received it. To preside over a lodge of this description is very different from ruling a country lodge. All I can say, brethren, is that I will do my best. We are all Masons, and nearly all Merchant Taylors; this lodge gives an opportunity of meeting together to those who without would probably never meet again in this world. Every Merchant Taylor should be proud to become a member of this lodge; and I look to you brethren to support me in carrying on the important duties of my office.

Several other toasts were proposed, including those to "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Officers of the Lodge" and the "Masonic Charities," all of which were duly honoured, Bro. Binckes responded for the last mentioned, and the proceedings concluded as usual with the Tyler's toast.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).

—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Swan Hotel, on the 9th inst. There were present Bros. Rooke Pennington, W.M.; E. M. Garstang, S.W.; John Booth, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Gibbon,

Chap.; G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. S.G.D., Sec.; F. W. Pacey, J.D.; R. K. Freeman, P.M., Org.; Jas. Poyntz, I.G.; Jas. Newton, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.D.; Samuel Crowther, P.M., P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; J. Mills, P.M.; Jas. Walker, P.M.; R. Mitchell, P.M., P. Prov. G. Swd. Br.; John Harcastle, Jas. Naylor, W. H. Lomax, C. F. Porter, R. Nightingale; and visitors: Bros. J. W. Taylor, P.M. 221, P. Prov. G. Org.; Wm. Coope, P.M. 350; and T. Higson, P.M. 348.

The lodge was opened at 4.15 p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. W. Slater, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.D., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. W. Roiley re-elected Tyler. Bro. John Morris, P.M., was re-elected Charity Representative of the lodge. The installation of W.M. elect, Bro. E. M. Garstang, was then performed by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. G.D., and the officers were invested by Bro. Jas. Newton, P. Prov. G.D., as follows: Bros. John Booth, S.W.; F. W. Pacey, J.W.; W. Slater, Treas.; G. P. Brockbank, Sec.; Rev. J. H. Gibbon, S.D.; J. Poyntz, J.D.; R. K. Freeman, Org.; Walter Pennington, M.C.; John Harcastle, I.G.; W. H. Lomax and Jas. Naylor, Stwds.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler. The I.P.M., Bro. Rooke Pennington, was presented with a Past Master's jewel by the W.M. in the name of the lodge. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. W. J. Huggan, Past Grand Deacon, for his kindness in furnishing information respecting an old engraving, "Les Free-Masons," recently presented to the lodge by Bro. J. R. Bridson. A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Pacey, J.W., for his kind offer to frame the engraving. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to His Worship the Mayor of Bolton, Bro. Thomas Glaister, P. Prov. S.G.W., and a member of the lodge, on the melancholy bereavement he has sustained by the death of his wife. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to an adjoining room, where the banquet was held.

NORWICH.—Social Lodge (No. 93).—The

installation meeting of this old and exceedingly well-worked lodge took place on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, when a large number of brethren and visitors assembled to do honour to the occasion. The retiring W.M., Bro. Hugh Fox, opened the lodge at about six o'clock, and was assisted by the following officers: Bros. Jno. B. Bridgman, I.P.M.; Geo. Jewson, (W.M. elect), S.W.; Walter Lake, J.W.; H. Thoulless, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Treas.; J. J. Commins, P.M., P.P.G.P. Sec.; W. H. Smith, S.D.; J. W. G. Barnard, acting J.D.; Jas. Dimsford, P.M., P.P.G.P., M.C.; Geo. Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.O. Org.; Fred. E. Linging, P.G. Steward, I.G.; R. Gunn, P.M., P.G.T.; and R. H. Fox, Stewards; J. Morse, Tyler. Among the brethren present were: Bros. Chas. Havers, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Robt. Kent, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C.; Jno. Moore, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Jas. Scott, W. Holloway, Jas. Rounce, J. M. Leader, Jno. H. Browne, Rev. R. N. Hobson, H. Mower, C. R. Holden, W. W. Wilkin, H. J. Brookes, W. E. H. Wilson, J. B. Coleby, G. H. Ladyman, J. Womersley, J. H. Brockbank, Chas. Cunnell, James Sendall, Wm. Watts, G. R. Robertson. Among the visitors were Bros. J. B. Aldis, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. 52; Henry S. Barwell, P.M., P.G. Sec. 52; R. W. Saul, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. (Suffolk); G. H. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. (Suffolk); G. H. Jeckell, 71; Edgar Goff, 71; Henry Owles, 100; G. Chaston, 100; S. A. Selwyn, 102; Geo. Korse, W.M., P.G.P.; Jas. E. H. Watson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Jno. E. Short, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. S. Offord, P.M.; P. C. R. King, 213; W. Cooper, 213; R. Fielden, 298; J. Wilcox, 373; Fred. Long, W.M., P.P.G.D. of C. Suffolk, 307, 516; Geo. Green, W.M.; Geo. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. E. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. Ballard, P.M.; E. Pankhurst, P.M.; J. J. Hunt, H. A. W. Reeves, Henry Rosling, Thos. Winter, G. J. Berry, P.G. Std.; Jno. W. Browne, P.G. Stwd., 807 (Freemason); T. W. Muskett, P.M.; E. Baldwin, P.M. 40; W. H. Moss and Jno. Francis, 913; Middleton, 996; E. Dereham; George Thompson, P.M. P.G.D. Suffolk, 1608; R. Ellis, 1224; J. P. Batch, 1273; G. Greensides, 1416; A. D. Stone, 1452; Jno. Harper, W.M.; Thos. Lord, P.M., P.P.G. S. of W.; Thos. Isley, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; A. Bullard, P.M., P.A.G.D. of C.; R. H. Gissing, 1500; and C. W. Bacon, P.G. Stwd., 1500; D. G. F. Gaul, 1808.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the retiring W.M., Bro. Hugh Fox, in a most able and efficient manner performed the ceremony of installing Bro. George Jewson into the chair of K.S., working the entire ceremony himself, and giving the charges with precision and excellence, the Board of Installed Masters consisting of thirty-five—the largest ever known in the province. Upon being placed in the proud position of W.M. of this lodge Bro. Jewson appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Hugh Fox, I.P.M.; W. Walter Lake, S.W.; W. H. Smith, J.W.; H. Thoulless, Treas.; J. J. Commins, Sec.; Fred. E. Linging, S.D.; Chas. Cunnell, J.D.; Geo. Brittain, Org.; R. Gunn, and R. H. Fox, Stwds.; J. Morse, Tyler. After some other important business had been transacted, and "Hearty good wishes" given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren adjourned to a most *recherché* banquet prepared by the Steward of the club; and at its conclusion the usual loyal Masonic and complimentary toasts were proposed and duly acknowledged. Bro. Hugh Fox, the I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of their new W.M." spoke of the great qualifications of Bro. Geo. Jewson; they required no recommendation from him as they were known not only to the brethren of the lodge but to the visiting brethren who had honoured the occasion by their presence. Bro. Fox in conclusion wished their new W.M. long life and good fellowship. The toast was received with immense enthusiasm, which was continued on Bro. Jewson rising to respond. In doing so, he expressed his utter inability to respond in justice to their reception of him, and the visiting brethren for their attendance. He thanked Bro. Fox for the kind expression used by him in proposing his health, and he assured them Bro. Fox was the best Master the Social Lodge ever possessed. Bro. Jewson concluded his speech by giving a general invitation to any visiting brother who should wish to come amongst them, assuring them that the lodge was not only social by name but social in nature. The W.M. resumed his seat amidst great applause. The next toast was that of "The I.P.M., Bro. Fox," proposed by the W.M., and in the course of his remarks presented

Bro. Fox with an exceedingly handsome P.M. jewel in locket form, subscribed for by the brethren of the lodge, and in doing so spoke of the present as a token of their esteem to him in his endeavours to promote the welfare of the lodge, and his many acts of kindness, and trusted Bro. Fox would have long life and good health to wear it amongst the brethren. The following inscription appears on the back of the jewel: "Presented to Frederick Hugh Fox, P.M., of Social Lodge, No. 93, by the officers and brethren, January 10th, 1882." Bro. H. Fox, in suitable terms, returned thanks for their kind expression towards him and for their kind present. Other toasts followed, and the meeting broke up about twelve o'clock. Several excellent pieces and songs were rendered by Bros. Holden, H. J. Brookes, Hy. Thouless and J. H. Brockbank (Cathedral choir), Jas. S. Offord, William Cooper and others. We congratulate Bro. Jewson on his elevation, and the brethren upon the success of their meeting.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—Bro. George Davis, the retiring S.W. of this lodge, at its last meeting was duly installed W.M. by Bro. James Cole, P.M., in the presence of a Board of twelve Installed Masters. Subsequently, in a full lodge, the new Master appointed and invested the officers for the year as follows: Bro. S. Myer, I.P.M.; James Robertson, S.W.; C. Marshall, J.W.; R. Sharpe, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); J. R. Weston, P.M., Sec.; Rev. A. Dupont, Chap.; J. Ridgway, jun., Org.; J. Baird, S.D.; J. Hart, J.D.; C. Dyer, P.M., D.C.; C. Bemister, I.G.; T. M. Stiles and S. Clarke, Stewards; Biggs and Ware, Tyler and Assist. Tyler. The subsequent banquet, provided by Bro. Dartnall, was attended by about forty brethren, including the Dep. Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. Hickman, with several Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 153). The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 21st ult. The W.M., Bro. W. Hayward Allen being absent in England, Bro. James Cunningham, P.M., presided, and acted as the Installing Officer. He was supported by Bros. Barker, P.M. 153, (E.C.); R. S. Paterson, P.G.M. Manitoba; J. F. Franceri, P.M. 325 (I.C.), D.G. Sec.; Kennedy, P.M. 278 (E.C.); Johnson, P.M. 278 (E.C.); J. Holliday, S.25 (I.C.); Ross, P.M. 325 (I.C.); Jackson, P.M. 325 (I.C.); Bell, 325 (I.C.); and the following officers of the lodge; Bro. P. Lyons, S.W. (W.M. elect); J. C. Phillips, J.W.; Rev. W. H. Bullock, Chap.; C. I. Armstrong, Treas.; M. A. McInerny, Sec.; C. Hennyson, S.D.; J. McDonald, J.D.; J. Walton, D.C.; E. Fernandez, I.G.

Lodge being opened Bro. P. Lyons, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation. On the conclusion of the ceremony, the newly-installed Master proceeded to appoint his officers, as follows: Bros. J. C. Phillips, S.W.; M. A. McInerny, J.W.; Rev. W. H. Bullock, Chap.; C. T. Armstrong, Treas.; C. S. Sprout, Sec.; E. Fernandez, S.D.; J. Discombe, J.D.; A. T. Russell, D.C.; W. Pepper, I.G.; M. Ghio, Tyler. In conclusion, the Installing Master gave the customary addresses in a most eloquent and impressive manner. The W.M. proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed by Bro. James Cunningham. Bro. P.M. Cunningham replied in a few well-chosen words, and in the course of his remarks expressed his regret at the absence of the out-going W.M., who proceeded to England in December, and, in conclusion, he thanked the various Past Masters who attended in order to assist him that evening, and proposed that a vote of thanks to them should be recorded on the minutes. The W.M. then addressed his officers and the brethren present, asking for their hearty co-operation during his year of office, expressing his intention of doing all he possibly could for the lodge during his present responsible position. The punch-bowl was then admitted, and the brethren drank "The Health of the Newly-Installed W.M.," who heartily responded, and wished the whole of the brethren present a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to the banqueting-room, which was tastefully decorated, and sat down to a well-supplied supper table. The usual toasts (loyal and Masonic) were proposed and very heartily received. Bro. Johnson, P.M. 278, P.G.S.W., in replying for "The District Grand Officers," said it gave him great pleasure to be present on that occasion, to see such a worthy and esteemed brother placed in the chair of K.S. Having known Bro. Lyons for a number of years, he was able to speak from experience of his capabilities as a hard-working and energetic Mason; and, in conclusion, wished him a happy and prosperous year of office. Bro. Lyons, W.M., responded, and regretted the absence of the I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Allen, who always contributed largely to eloquence of the festive board. Bro. Cunningham, P.M., answering to the toast of his health, regretted that he was not better able to perform the ceremony that evening, and said if the I.P.M., Bro. Allen, had not left the garrison, the brethren would have had a treat in witnessing the splendid manner in which he would have performed the ceremony of installation. In conclusion, he proposed the toast of "The Past and Worshipful Masters in Gibraltar." Bros. the Rev. R. S. Patterson, P.M., P.G.M. of Manitoba; W. D. Kennedy, P.M. 278; R. Jackson, P.M., W.M. elect 325 (I.C.); J. Bell, W.M. 325 (I.C.); and Ross, P.M. 325 (I.C.), replied in a suitable manner, and gave the Inhabitants Lodge great credit for its good Masonic working. Bros. Roberts, Bryant, Lane, A. T. Russell, Wright, Rennyson, Discombe, and others contributed a choice selection of songs, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—Ancient Union Lodge (No. 203). The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The W.M., Bro. James Hilton, who afterwards performed the ceremony of installation, presided, supported by Bros. C. Birch, I.P.M.; John T. Alston, P.M.; B. W. Rowson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; H. James, P.M.; J. Winsor, P.M.; Thos. Hatton, S.W., W.M. elect; William Gick, P.M. 1756, J.W.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treas.; E. Catrall, Sec.; John N. Hounsell, S.D.; E. Donnelly, J.D.; Dr. Thos. W. Sargeant, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; and others.

The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. Rowson and

Bromley. After installation, the following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Hilton, I.P.M.; W. Gick, S.W.; E. Catrall, J.W.; J. N. Hounsell, Sec.; Chas. Bromley, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); E. Donnelly, S.D.; J. Galloway, J.D.; Wm. Whiteside, I.G.; W. H. Martin, S.S.; D. O'Connell, J.S.; T. W. Sargeant, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., M.C. Bro. P. Ball was re-elected Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together. During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. for his services during the past year.

LEWES.—South Saxon Lodge (No. 311).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on the 18th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. H. Blaker was inducted as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. S. Tanner, P.M. The new Master appointed the following officers: Bro. A. Holman, I.P.M.; W. D. Stone, S.W.; E. Bridges, J.W.; Geo. Stone, D.C.; R. Crosskey, Treas.; J. H. Every, Sec.; G. E. Chapman, S.D.; G. Holman, J.D.; G. J. Lenny, I.G.; Starnes, Org.; and H. Hall, Tyler. Bro. A. Holman was invested with a Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge, for his past services. At the close of the business the brethren banqueted together at the White Hart, Bro. Wilkinson catering in good style.

Among the brethren present, in addition to the officers before named, were the following visitors and members of the lodge: Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; G. Nash, W.M. 315; Wm. Dewes, P.P.G.R., P.M. 341; E. W. J. Hennah, W.M. 40; B. Sargent, W.M. 1184; Evelyn A. Head, W.M. 1019; Henry Carvill, P.M. 201; H. A. Dowell, W.M. 1466; H. B. M. Carvick, J.W. 1303; H. Colgate, 1112; R. Haylor, 1821; Saml. Denman, D.C. 732; Masters and Musson (Hurst); J. C. Lucas, P.M.; C. Briscoe, P.M.; W. W. Turner, P.M.; R. H. Ellman, J. W. Broad, J. Stedman, G. A. Jenner, C. Hawkins, and others.

LANDPORT.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 312).—The meeting of this lodge on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Freemasons' Club, was attended by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P.) and the whole of the Provincial Grand Officers, as well as by the W.M.'s and many other representatives of neighbouring lodges and visitors, the attendance being the largest which has been seen at the lodge for very many years. The occasion of the meeting was the installation of Bro. John Brickwood as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The duties of Installing Master were efficiently carried out by Bro. J. W. Willmott, P.M. of the lodge, and P.G.S.B. of Hants and the Isle of Wight. At the conclusion of the impressive ceremony the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Willmott, Inst. M.; Dr. C. Knott, I.P.M.; J. E. Buck, S.W.; H. Croucher, J.W.; J. T. Craven, sen., Treas.; J. S. Dyer, D.C.; F. Saunders, S.D.; J. Green, J.D.; T. Larcombe, I.G.; J. M. Wilkinson and G. King, Stewards. The financial statement was exceedingly satisfactory. During the year 100 guineas were subscribed from the lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, and the assets of the lodge still showed a total of £391.

After the lodge business, a banquet was served in the club dining hall, and at this there was also a very large attendance, the W.M. being supported by the P.G.M. and officers and a very distinguished assemblage of the Craft. The usual toasts were duly honoured, that of "The W.M." being vociferously honoured. The P.G. Master, in responding to the toast of "The P.G.M. and Officers," complimented Bro. Willmott on the excellent manner in which he had carried out the ceremony of installation, remarking that he had attended very many ceremonies of a similar character, but had never seen the work performed more efficiently. Bro. G. Sylvester presided at the harmonium in lodge, and also contributed in no small degree by his vocalisation to the success of the banquet.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Peace and Harmony (No. 359).—The installation of Bro. H. P. Arthur as W.M. of the above lodge took place on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, in the presence of a numerous assemblage of brethren, which included W. Bro. Hickman, D.P.G.M. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the W.M.'s of the Royal Gloucester, Shirley, Clausentum, and Albert Edward Lodges, several past masters of the Lodge, and other visitors. The ceremonies were performed by W. Bro. Geo. Cross, who has occupied the chair of the Lodge during the past year, the board of installed masters numbering nineteen, and at the close the new W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—W. Bro. George Cross, I.P.M.; Bro. John Patstone, S.W.; E. O. Longland, J.W.; W. Bro. J. R. Weston, P.M., Treas.; W. Bro. John Adams, P.M., Sec.; Bros. H. Webb, S.D.; J. E. Aldis, J.D.; W. Bro. W. Waters, P.M., D.C.; Bros. I. Hawkins, Org.; J. Wilson, I.G.; C.W. Bemister and A. P. Young, Stwds.; J. H. Biggs, Tyler; Morris, Varc, and Harrington, Asst. Tylers. The W.M. elect thanked the Deputy Prov. G.M. for his presence that afternoon, and this having been acknowledged, Bro. H. Coles, P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to the I.P.M. for the efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. during his year of office. This was seconded by Bro. Waters and carried by acclamation. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. A. J. Miller, P.M., Prov. Grand Secretary, who, through business exigencies has been compelled to resign the office of Secretary to the lodge. Bro. Miller, in acknowledgment, said that nothing but a pressure of business would have induced him to give up the office. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers, and business over, about sixty brethren sat down to a banquet prepared by Bro. Dartnall.

HALIFAX.—St. James Lodge (No. 448).—On the 10th inst., the members of this lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall to install Bro. G. H. Radcliffe, the newly-elected W.M. The lodge was opened at four o'clock by Bro. R. Worsick, and among the large assemblage were Bros. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., C.B., P.G.M. of W. Y.; Thos. Tew, J.P., D.P.G.M.; Geo. Normanton, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Fred. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. Walshaw, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. T. Rhodes, P.M., P.G.S.; and numerous other P.M.'s of St. James' and sister lodges. Bro. G. H. Radcliffe was installed W.M., for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by

Bro. C. T. Rhodes, P.M., P.G.S., assisted by Bro. H. S. Holdsworth, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. then invested as his officers: Bros. J. G. Lee, S.W.; Walter Walshaw, J.W.; Richard Jessop, P.M., Treas.; John Drake, Sec.; Charles T. Kendall, S.D.; John Taylor Simpson, J.D.; John H. Whadcoat, M.C.; Thomas Whitaker, P.M., Org.; Henry Sutcliffe, I.G.; John Greenwood, Tyler; and Charles Mann, W. D. Shoebridge, William Shaw, and Charles Greenwood, Stewards. Before the lodge closed the R.W.P.G.M., on behalf of the members, presented to Bro. Richard Worsick, I.P.M., a handsome P.M.'s jewel, as a token of esteem and appreciation of his services during the past year.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, Bro. G. H. Radcliffe presiding, being supported by several distinguished brethren. The following toasts were proposed from the chair:—"The Queen, the Royal Family, and the Craft;" "The M.W.G.M. of England—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Dep. Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past." "The R.W.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edward, Bart., C.B., the W.D.G.M., Bro. Thos. Wm. Tew, J.P.; and the P.G. Officers, Present and Past." The two latter were acknowledged by the R.W.P.G.M., who proceeded to give "The W.M. of St. James's Lodge." In reply to this the new W.M. submitted "The Installing Officers," which was duly responded to. The remaining toasts included "The Sister lodges and Visiting brethren," introduced by Bro. Richard Worsick, I.P.M., and acknowledged by the Worthy Masters of Probate and De Warren and representatives of the various other lodges; "The Senior and Junior Wardens and the Officers of St. James's Lodge," given from the chair; and replied to by the two first-named officers; "The Past Masters and Past Officers of the St. James's Lodge," also given by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Richard Worsick, the I.P.M.; "The Masonic Charities," by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bro. C. Rhodes, P.M.; "Lady Edwards and the Ladies," Proposed by Bro. Walter Walshaw, J.W., and replied to by Sir H. Edwards. Several of the members and visitors contributed to the enjoyment by singing. Mr. J. H. Sykes's band had likewise been engaged, and the programme was a most delightful one.

SPALDING.—Hundred of Elloe Lodge (No. 469).—The installation festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 12th inst. The following visitors were present: Bros. Sounl, W.M. 442; Vergette, P.M. 442; Mossop, W.M.; Curtis, P.M.; and other brethren of 985. After the usual lodge business was completed, Bro. Alfred Harrison, S.W., was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being performed by Bro. Woodrow, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., and Bro. Barrell, P.M., P.P.G.A.E.C., the respective parts being efficiently and impressively performed. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. Cummack, S.W.; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, J.W. and Chap.; Fountain, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Brummitt, Sec.; Hancock, S.D.; Pocklington, J.D.; R. A. Kingston, I.G.; T. Blunt, Org.; and Brintose, Steward.

The business before the lodge being finished, the brethren were called from labour to refreshment. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and were responded to in some very good speeches, notably by Bro. Barrell, P.M., and Bro. Woodward, P.M., P.G.J.D. In response to the toast of "The R.W. the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the Past and Present Provincial Officers," Bro. John Woodward, P.M., P.G.J.D., whose name had been coupled with it, said: Having done me the honour of connecting my name with the toast, permit me on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers to return you my sincere and hearty thanks for the manner in which you have been pleased to receive the same. It is, I can assure you, a very pleasurable duty to me to be called upon to respond to this toast. Pleasurable, because I know our P.G.M. lives in the highest esteem of all the true and genuine Masons in this province. Pleasurable, because I believe that he and all those closely surrounding him have their hearts and souls in the work which they have espoused. Pleasurable, because we know that he is ever willing to lend a listening ear to any suggestion which he thinks will be calculated to give life, energy, activity and progress to the various lodges in the province. Brethren, it is a grand and noble work in which we are engaged. A gigantic labour of love: for it is ours, with all the power our organisation gives us, to endeavour to stem the tide of adversity which is ever and anon running through the length and breadth of our land. It is ours to smooth the rugged paths in life of some who once were happy as we are to-day; it is ours to assist that poor old man, whose weight of years and hoary locks proclaim that his race is nearly run; it is ours to pilot him to a home and refuge, where he will receive all that attention his years require, and where his last days will be those of peace. Brethren, it is ours to give comfort, help, and assistance to that poor widow who is looking up to us through her tears, and it is ours to show her the fruits of that alliance made with us by her dear departed breadwinner. It is ours, my brethren, to take the orphan by the hand and lead them to a home where they will have that attention their cases require, and where, in due time, they will receive that culture which will enable them to become fit members of this great community. Brethren, I say again, it is a grand and glorious work, and well may we be proud of being units in this great and glorious institution. It is honourable to the peer, and it is advantageous and elevating to the more humble. We have on our roll some of the noblest of the human family; we have as our chief the noblest Prince of the land; and, to my mind, the future King of England never did a more gracious act than when, seeing our flag somewhat quivering in the hand that held it, he at once rushed to the front, and with outstretched arm he grasped our flagstaff, hoisting our banner on high, and sent these words pealing forth to the world, "So long as the Masons of England are true to the throne, so long shall I be proud of the honour conferred upon me this day." Then all glory and honour be to our Prince and leader, and may he live long to shed lustre on our cause. Brethren, we may well be proud of our platform, for it is broad and spacious enough for all. We embrace man for the love of our common brotherhood. And all phases of thought may meet here. We ask him not his creed; enough for us if he believes man to be the brother of man, let him come from what

quater of the world he may. Let us, Worshipful Master and Brethren, whilst we are anxious for the success of our philanthropic institutions, endeavour, in our daily walks of life to illustrate those words we so often repeat and sing, "worthy Masons all; worthy Masons all." Brethren, I again thank you for the honour conferred on me by the toast.

MALTA.—Zetland Lodge (No. 515).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, when the following distinguished members of the Craft in the Mediterranean district were present: R.W. Bro. W. Kingston, D.G.M.; W. Bros. J. Doherty, P.M. 407; G. Legend, P.M. 515; W. Rotherham, P.M. 407; R. Westrup, P.M. 515; G. D. Roe, P.M. 1604 and W.M. 1926; H. Stilon (M.D.), P.M. 515; R. Glenday, P.M. 407; S. G. Yoman, P.M. 407; J. Austen, P.M. 158; Sir Francis Blackwood, Bart., W.M. 349; A. J. England, W.M. 407; C. Lippett, W.M. 387 I.C.; J. S. Abbott, P.M., I.C.; and many others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. William Pearce, having been presented to the R.W.P.G.M., was installed with the usual ceremonies, which were performed in the efficient manner for which Bro. Kingston is so well known. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest officers for the ensuing year as follows: W. Bro. H. Stilon, I.P.M.; Bros. Pariente, S.W.; Otto Legend, J.W.; W. Bro. W. Watson, Treas.; Bros. A. B. Truelitt, Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Pearce, J.D.; Beck, Tyler. After a vote of thanks to the installing officer, the brethren adjourned to the refreshment table, where many excellent speeches were delivered, and the usual loyal, Masonic and personal toasts were duly honoured. The Zetland, founded in 1846, is interesting as being the lodge in which our present Grand Secretary first saw the light of Masonry, he having been initiated on 27th April, 1856.

LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this admirably-conducted and popular lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., and the gathering again proved one of the most successful and enjoyable of the year. The chair was taken by Bro. Thomas Peake, W.M., supported by Bros. John H. Gregory, I.P.M.; H. Firth, P.M.; John Devaynes, P.M.; James Bolton, P.M.; J. E. Skillicorn, P.M.; Thomas Ockleshaw, P.M.; W. Phillipps, P.M.; David Lloyd, S.W. (W.M. elect); Arthur Bucknall, J.W.; John Ellis, P.M., Treasurer; Robert Foulds, Secretary; James Bailey, S.D.; James Lees, J.D.; J. E. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.M.C.; Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O., Organist; R. J. Hudson, I.G.; and others; and a large number of visitors, among whom were Bros. W. Ashley Clayton, P.J.G.W.; Thomas Salter, P.G.J.D.; and James T. Callow, P.P.G.T.

Bro. George S. Willings, P.M., afterwards took the chair, and performed the installation ceremony, in a manner which could hardly have been excelled, the W.M. elect, Bro. David Lloyd, S.W., being presented by the retiring W.M. and Bro. Gregory, P.M. After the usual honours, the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Thomas Peake, I.P.M.; J. E. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.M.C. (re-appointed); Arthur Bucknall, S.W.; Robert Foulds, J.W.; John Ellis, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); James Bailey, Secretary; Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O., Organist (re-appointed); Jas. Lees, S.D.; Robt. Hudson, J.D.; Thos. Mason, I.G.; Edward Carter, S.S.; and T. J. Luya, J.S. Bro. P. Ball was re-elected Tyler.

After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and a tasteful Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the lodge by the W.M. A musical programme was agreeably performed under the direction of Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., by Bros. Josef Cantor, Child, Queen, Muir, and Ramage.

CHACEWATER.—Boscawen Lodge (No. 699).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated their festival of St. John on Monday, the 23rd inst., when a large number assembled to take part in the ceremony of installing Bro. John Estlick, S.W., as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The presence book was signed by the W. Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. Townshend Boscawen, W.M.; Bros. J. Estlick, S.W.; W. A. Bennett, J.W.; Rev. G. L. Church, P.P.S.G.W., Chap.; J. Niness, P.P.G.R., Treas.; C. Rapson, P.M., Sec.; H. Searle, S.D.; W. Hall, J.D.; Fredk. Jones, I.G.; W. Lean, P.P.G.S., Tyler; J. Hall, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; F. J. Lee, I.P.M.; W. Bray, P.M.; J. Paull, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; S. G. Moyle, P.M.; W. P. Hugoe, P.M.; S. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.S.; W. Wilkins, J. O. Evans, J. Hodge, C. Kent, J. Retallick, R. Rowe, J. M. Martin, W. H. Odgers, W. S. Williams, and C. Harris. The visiting brethren included Bros. E. Trewbody Carlyon, P.P.G. Sec., P.M. 331; T. R. Mills, P.M., Sec. 1006; Theo. Michell, P.M. 1006; W. Rooks, 131; W. H. Jenkins, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 331; R. Rodda, I.P.M. 589; T. A. Kistler, W.M. 589; W. H. Williams, P.M. 104 and 204; Thos. Michell, D. of C. 1006; T. Borlase Davey, D. of C. 331; W. Carkeek, 1006; and J. Carkeek, 1006.

The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. J. Niness, assisted by the P.M.'s present, numbering no fewer than 17, the W.M. elect being presented by Bro. J. Paull, P.P.S.G.D. The brethren having been readmitted, and the ancient ceremonies carried out, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—W. Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, I.P.M.; W. A. Bennett, S.W.; H. Searle, J.W.; Rev. G. L. Church, Chap.; J. Niness, Treasurer; C. Rapson, Secretary; W. Bray, A.S.; W. Hall, S.D.; J. Retallick, J.D.; C. Kent, I.G.; J. Martin, D.C.; J. M. Martin, Organist; F. Jones and J. Hodge, Stewards; W. Lean, Tyler. After the transaction of other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where dinner was supplied by Bro. F. Jones, of the Britannia Hotel, in a manner calling for general satisfaction. The tables were prettily decorated with choice cut flowers, and all the appointments were of first-class order. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, the health of the W.M. being drunk with great enthusiasm. Bro. W. H. Williams, in responding on behalf of the visitors, expatiated on the high principles of the Order, especially referring to and eulogising the remarks made by the W.M. in responding to the toast of his health, his genuine Masonic remarks being greeted with loud applause. On the conclusion of the toast list several friends of the visitors and brethren were admitted, and the gathering partook

a social nature, fitly closing one of the most successful installation festivals held for many years in connection with the Boscawen Lodge.

BRIGHTON.—Royal Brunswick Lodge (No. 732).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion on Thursday, the 12th inst., when the large attendance of members and visitors testified to the popularity of the W.M. elect. The lodge was opened punctually at 4.30 by the W.M., Bro. H. F. Hauxwell, I.L.D., assisted by his officers. Bro. Francis Daniel, S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the W.M., and installed in the chair of K.S., the W.M. performing the ceremony in a faultless manner without any assistance, a worthy termination to his year of office, in which he has worked all the ceremonies, explained the several tracing boards, and worked many of the sections. The new W.M., Bro. F. Daniel, then appointed as his officers the following brethren, and, on investing, addressed each of them, as to the duties of their respective offices: Bros. S. H. Soper, S.W.; E. Histed, J.W.; T. M. Fowler, Sec.; W. Nell, S.D.; C. Nye, J.D.; W. Botting, I.G.; S. Denman; D. of C.; G. Smith, P.M., Steward; and T. Hughes, Tyler. Bro. S. Ridley had been previously elected Treasurer. The several addresses were given by the outgoing W.M., Bro. H. F. Hauxwell, to whom the W.M. presented the P.M.'s jewel which had been voted at the last meeting. Bro. J. M. Reed was again elected to represent the lodge on the Prov. Grand Lodge Charities Committee, and after "Good wishes" from the representatives of many lodges, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was served by Bros. Sayers and Marks, in the banquetting-room, and was attended by seventy-eight brethren.

Among the visitors were Bros. J. H. Scott, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M.; W. Kuehe, P.G. Org.; W. R. Wood, A.G. Purst.; F. Noakes, P.V. G.W.; C. J. Smith, P. Prov. J.G.W.; W. Hudson, P. Prov. S.G.D.; T. S. Byass, P. Prov. J.G.D., W.M. 1466; C. Sandeman, P. Prov. A.G.D. of C.; H. J. Hawkes, P. Prov. G.S.B., W.M. 1636; W. T. Nell, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. Roe, P. Prov. G. Org.; J. Eberale, P. Prov. G. Purst.; G. Nash, W.M. 315; W. Skindle, W.M. 851; Lewis Lewis, W.M. 811; B. Sargent, W.M. 1184; A. Dowell, W.M. 1469; E. A. Head, P. Prov. G. Stwd., W.M. 1619; G. S. Godfrie, W.M. 1821; T. Parkham, W.M. 1829; Hollond, M.P.; and many other brethren.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen and Craft," stated that the Court of Queen Victoria was similar to a regular well constituted Freemasons' lodge, in that it represented every moral and social virtue. The toast of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," then followed, and after that "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," coupled with the name of Bro. W. R. Wood, A.G. Purst., who, in reply, expressed his pleasure at again visiting the Royal Brunswick Lodge, and gave an interesting account of his first Stewardship to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls as the representative of a country lodge. Bro. E. Martin, P. Prov. A.G.D. of C., P.M. 732, then proposed "The Health of M.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P.," and regretted that he was unable to be present. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. J. H. Scott, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. Grand Master, in reply, stated that he had that day left the Prov. Grand Master, who had expressed his regret that he was unable to attend, and sent the brethren his hearty good wishes. On his behalf he thanked the brethren for their cordial reception, and trusted the unanimity which had always distinguished the Royal Brunswick Lodge would ever continue. "The Health of the W.M." followed, which was received with enthusiasm. He said, in reply, that nothing should be wanting on his part to keep up the true spirit of Freemasonry as illustrated by brotherly love, relief, and truth. He would endeavour to promote the interests of the lodge, and trusted his officers would all give him their assistance. "The Health of the Visitors"—the number of whom exceeded that of the members—was next proposed, and was responded to by Bros. G. Nash, W.M. 315, as representing the lodges; Hollond, M.P.; and Wise, who all expressed themselves as pleased with their reception. Then followed "The Health of the Past Masters," which was acknowledged by Bro. H. F. Hauxwell, and of "The Officers," responded to by Bro. S. H. Soper, S.W., after which the Tyler's toast wound up a most successful meeting. The harmony of the meeting was provided by Bros. Kuehe, Soper, Willard, Dawes, and Conti; Bro. W. Roe officiating as accompanist.

DURHAM.—Norman Lodge (No. 1334).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 16th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet. Bro. William Gray, S.W., was installed W.M., in the presence of a large gathering of brethren, including visitors from other lodges, namely the Marquis of Granby, Durham; Fenwick, Sunderland; De Lorraine, Newcastle; Earl of Durham, Chester-le-Street; Whitworth, Spennymoor; also representatives from New York, and Bellary, India. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Barker, I.P.M., the ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. C. E. Barnes, P.M. The newly-installed W.M., appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Laidler, I.P.M.; R. W. Salkeld, S.W.; G. P. Blagdon, J.W.; Rev. A. J. Williams, Chap.; G. Chapman, Treas.; J. Willan, Sec.; G. Greenwell, D.C.; I. F. Miller, S.D.; C. W. Souter, J.D.; J. Duns, I.G.; J. Cheesman and A. McKinlay, Stwds.; J. Steele, Tyler. After the ceremony, the brethren numbering forty-seven, adjourned to the banquetting hall, where a sumptuous dinner was served by Mrs. Carr, of the Half Moon Hotel, in this city. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

BYKER.—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The regular monthly meeting of this successful lodge was held in the lodge rooms, Hope and Anchor Hotel, on the 11th inst. Bro. John D. Annan, W.M., in the chair, assisted by his officers. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last regular meeting confirmed. Bro. Cantley was duly passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., and the working tools were explained by Bro. William Smith, S.W. Nominations were taken for

Treasurer, Tyler, and Finance Committee, and the names eligible for the chair were read over. The S.W. tendered an apology for Bro. Arthur Munro, J.W., for his unavoidable absence. "Hearty good Wishes" were offered from several visiting brethren.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment board, the W.M. in the chair, and the S.W. in the vice chair. Several of the brethren contributed to the pleasure of the meeting with songs and recitations, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Amongst the members and visiting brethren present were: Bros. Jno. D. Annan, W.M.; Wm. Cooper, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Dr. Adam Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Purs.; Joseph Cook, P.M. D. of C., P.P.G.S.W.; Mitchell, P.M. from a Glasgow Lodge; W. H. Dodds, P.M. 1119; Wm. Smith, S.W.; Wm. Varty, Sec.; Dixon Corrie, S.D.; William Swan Armstrong, I.G.; G. S. Sims, Tyler; McKay, Turnbull, Bennett, J. Purvis, J.S.; Pottie, Middlemass, J.W. 48; Alfred Simpson, 406; Carman, S.S. 481; Bradford, 406; Ferguson, 406; Major Kellaway, R.E.; and others.

DUNSTABLE.—Chiltern Lodge (No. 1470).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Town Hall. There was a strong muster of the brethren present, and among the visitors we noticed the following brethren: Bros. W. J. Crump, G.S. 58; J. Noyes, P.G.S., 58; C. E. Smith, P.G.S., 58; T. Reynolds, P.G.S., 58; A. H. Colne, P.G.S.; A. J. Hollington, P.M.; A. S. Ewen, J.D.; J. Shulbrook, E. T. Hubbock, E. J. Humphrey, T. J. Coleman, Douglas Cox, 11; G. H. Palmore, A. H. Hickman, H. W. Alford, J. H. Miller, Wallis Mackay, 1319; and J. D. Langton; and 1673, S.W. The brethren met at half-past three, the chair being taken by Bro. S. McLean, and after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of installing Bro. E. Farley as W.M. for the ensuing year was then performed by the I.P.M., Bro. S. McClean, in a most able and efficient manner. This having been done, and the brethren having duly saluted their newly-installed Master, he appointed and invested his officers. After the usual addresses had been given by the Installing Master, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where the banquet was served in an admirable manner by Bro. H. Saunders, of the Sugar Loaf Hotel. After grace had been said, and the charity box passed round, the W.M. proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was received by the brethren in the usual enthusiastic manner. This was followed by those of "His Royal Highness, the M.W. Grand Master," and "The R.W. Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers," the latter being coupled with the name of Bro. W. J. Crump. "The Immediate Past Master's Health" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. McLean. The I.P.M., Bro. McLean, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and this having been responded to, "The Visitors" was given, and responded to by Bro. Reynolds, Palmore, Chambers, Hollingsworth, and F. O. Crump. "The Officers of the Lodge" and other toasts followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour to enable the London brethren to return by a special train. The evening was enlivened by singing and recitations by Bros. Douglas Cox, Douglas Chester, and Bro. Wallis Mackay, under the direction of Bro. Theodore Drew, P.P.G.O. Derbyshire.

CLARE.—Royal Clarence Lodge (No. 1823).—The anniversary of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when V.W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, Past Grand Chaplain England, Sec., was installed as W.M. for the year. V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk, officiated as Installing Master, and, in addition to the members of the lodge, was supported by the following brethren: Bro. Gen. Cecil Ives, P.P.G.S., 337; J. F. Hills, P.P.G.J.W., 1224; F. C. Fitch, 1224; F. Wheeler, P.P.G.R., 1224; T. Lloyd Kyllin, 1848; W. H. Smith, W.M. 1224; J. H. Jardine, W. P. Eversley, 10; H. D. E. Bull, H. K. S. Callender, 559; and H. H. Noble, 559.

After the installation of the W.M., which was gone through by Bro. Martyn in his usual finished and impressive manner, the new Master first presented to his predecessor a handsome Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the members of the lodge as a token of their brotherly regard to one who had so well and faithfully discharged the duties of his office, and then proceeded to invest his officers, as follows: Bros. C. H. Vincent, S.W.; E. Barnes, J.W.; B. B. Syer (by proxy), S.D.; E. A. Ball, J.D.; F. Stokoe, Sec.; Cooke, P.M., Stwd.; the Rev. L. Klambrowski, Chap.; and F. Glazin, Tyler. By special consent, the Duke of Albany and Earl of Clarence was balloted for, and was unanimously elected as a joining member of the lodge.

At the close of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Half Moon Hotel, and where toast, laugh, and song followed each other in rapid succession. Bro. Martyn, in response to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," made a powerful appeal on their behalf, in which he detailed some of the benefits arising from their judicious distribution, and the sum of five guineas was at once subscribed, to be bestowed as Bro. Martyn might think best. We are glad to say that this young lodge is receiving an accession of members, and is making real progress.

INSTRUCTION.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—At the last regular meeting of the above successful lodge there were present Bros. Dr. T. Loane, W.M.; J. Da Silva, S.W.; D. Moss, J.W.; J. R. Shingfield, S.D.; J. H. Pringle, J.D.; A. Abrahams, I.G.; W. Musto, P.M., Preceptor; G. H. Stephens, Hon. Sec.; Past Masters: J. P. Cohen, L. Norden, G. F. Dix, Westcott, H. Cotter, J. T. K. Job, W. Yetton, W. Shays, T. W. Jones, C. H. Webb; J. Taylor, W. J. Musto, A. Meyers, H. Forss, W. Gray, T. L. Kennett, F. Robinson, P. G. Varcoe, Richmond, Goldberg, G. Saling, Nathan, Richardson, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the Secretary having read a communication from Bro. H. J. Phillips, W.M. of the mother lodge, who was to have worked the installation ceremony, by invitation of the lodge, but who was unfortunately unable to attend in consequence of a severe domestic loss. Bro. Loane courteously offered Bro. L. Norden, P.M. 205, the opportunity of working that ceremony. Bro. Norden accordingly proceeded to instal Bro. Da Silva, W.M. elect 205, in a really able and impressive manner

Bro. Silva rehearsed the ceremony of the investiture of officers, and the final charges were delivered with capital effect. Bro. Loane again occupied the chair, and worked the initiation ceremony, also in a very able manner. The First Section of the Lecture was worked from the chair, and the Second by Bro. Moss, J.W., the brethren assisting. Bros. G. Saling, 205; F. G. Varcoe, 781; W. Gray, J.D. 1459; and T. L. Kennett, S.D. 1716, were elected members of the lodge. Bro. J. Da Silva was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes for the able working of Bro. Norden. Bro. Stephens read the Auditor's report of the receipts and expenditure of the past year, which was duly received and adopted. Bros. W. Yetton, P.M., Treas., and G. H. Stephens, Hon. Sec., were unanimously re-elected to their respective offices. Other matters were disposed of, and lodge was closed and adjourned, a memorable and highly instructive evening having been enjoyed by all present.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—At a highly successful meeting on the 18th inst., Bro. Kennett, W.M., was supported by Bros. Harvey, S.W.; Lax, J.W.; Turquand, P.M.; Preceptor; C. Breden, P.M., Sec.; Robinson, S.D.; Dyer, J.D.; Jenzen, I.G.; Scheerboom, P.M.; Knowles, 1716; Solomons, 871; Westcott, Pringle, Stephens, Bull and others. Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Breden answered the necessary questions. Lodge was opened up, and Bro. Kennett courteously vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Westcott, W.M. 1365, whose lodge was to meet on the following evening. The ceremony of raising was worked, Bro. Breden candidate. After the ceremony Bro. Kennett again occupied the chair, and resumed the lodge in the First Degree, and Bro. Pringle answered the usual questions, and was entrusted for the Second Degree. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing very impressively rendered, the junior officers proving well up to their work. Bro. Stephens was called upon to work the Sections, and was assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed and Bros. Knowles, 1716, and Solomons, 871, were duly elected members. The votes at the disposal of the lodge were, after some discussion, agreed to be placed to the favour of Bro. Marks, one of the candidates at the forthcoming election of the R.M.B.I. A vote of thanks to Bro. G. H. Stephens for a serviceable gift to the lodge, and the election of Bro. Harvey, W.M. 871, as W.M. for the ensuing meeting, concluded the night's business, and the brethren separated in harmony.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—The members of this lodge met on the 20th inst., at Bro. Clayton's, Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, E. Bros. J. West was W.M.; W. Richardson, S.W.; Hopkins, J.W.; B. Cundick, P.M. Preceptor and Treasurer; G. H. Stephens, acting Sec.; J. R. Shingfield, S.D.; L. Morden, P.M., I.G.; Past Masters J. J. Barnes, C. H. Webb, H. Seymour, Clark, Hilt, J. T. K. Job, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and to allow Bro. Hilt, an apprentice, to remain, the ceremony of initiation was worked instead of the proper ceremony of the evening, Bro. Hilt being candidate. Bro. Webb worked the 1st and 2nd and 3rd and 4th Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Bro. W. Richardson, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting on the 27th inst., and lodge was closed. According to the new bye-laws Sections only will be worked on that occasion.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Mansion House Station Restaurant on the 10th inst., Bro. Shaw being the W.M., Bro. Tanqueray, S.W.; Bro. Maude, J.W.; Bro. Hallows, S.W.; Bro. Bailey, J.D.; Pocock, I.G.; and Sudlow, Preceptor. There were also present Bros. Chubb, Duret, Morris, Bud, Marshall, Money, Johnston, Gaze, Clarkson, and H. Smith.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, after which the lodge was opened up to the Third Degree and resumed in the First, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chubb acting as candidate and the W.M. giving the charge. After a call off Bro. Chubb assisted the Preceptor to work the Fourth Section of the First Lecture, and the lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, the W.M. working the First Section of the Third Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge then closed down to the Second Degree and the W.M. rose for the first time, Bro. Tanqueray being elected W.M. for the next meeting, when the Second and Third Sections of the Third Lecture will be worked. The business of the meeting having been concluded the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

BURDETT CHAPTER (No. 1293).—The annual convocation of this chapter took place on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. There were present Comps. T. Massa, M.E.Z.; W. Maple, H.; C. W. Gray, J.; H. G. Buss, Treas.; D. W. Pearce, S.E.; J. W. Sanders, S.N.; H. M. Gordon, P.S.; W. G. Kentish, 1st A.S.; A. Dawson, 2nd A.S.; H. C. Levander, F. Davison, H. Dicketts, H. Venn, T. Cubitt, W. Kirby, Nixey, R. L. Sindall, H. W. Roberts, F. G. Farr, and Duret. Visitors: N. Green, P.Z. 975; W. B. Dodd, P.Z. 1194; W. H. Lee, P.Z. 152; J. Moon, 145; and W. Lake, P.H. 331 (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last chapter having been read and confirmed, Comp. Pearce, P.G.R. Middlesex, very ably installed Comp. W. Maple in the First Principal's chair. The following officers were then invested:—Comps. D. W. Pearce, S.E.; J. W. Sanders, S.N.; H. G. Buss, Treas.; W. G. Kentish, P.S.; J. Gilbert, J.; A. Dawson, 1st Asst. Soj.; R. L. Lindall, 2nd Asst. Soj. Letters from the G. Supt., Col. Sir Francis Burdett, P.Z., and others, were read, regretting that they were unable to attend.

The companions then adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over very genially by Comp. Maple. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, that of the M.E.Z., Comp. Maple, and the Installing Principal, Comp. Pearce, S.E., being especially well received.

On the Health of the retiring First Principal, Comp.

Massa being proposed, the opportunity was taken to present him with the Past Principal's jewel by the chapter, for the efficient manner in which he had carried out his duties. Several companions contributed to the pleasure of the evening by some excellent singing, and the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly meeting of the above chapter took place at the Masonic Hall College, on the 20th inst., when Comp. T. Atkinson, M.E.Z., presided, assisted by Comps. G. Dalrymple, H.; W. Sandwith, J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; J. Barr, P.Z., S.N.; F. Hodgson, P.S.; G. Sparrow, 1st Asst. S.; Jas. Cooper, Organist; J. M. Salisbury, Janitor; J. Rothery; and J. Casson. The minutes were confirmed, and the ballot taken for three candidates. All were accepted, but only one being in attendance, Bro. J. Moore, who was exalted. The M.E.Z. read a letter which he had received from Comp. W. F. Lamony, P.Z., which was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The spirit of the letter was to offer his apology for being absent, and although about to leave England shortly, he should still continue to be a member of 119, and would always be pleased to hear well of the chapter in which he had acted as First Principle. After several expressions of esteem by many of the companions on behalf of our much respected Comp. Lamony, the chapter was closed in due form.

NORWICH.—Cabbell Chapter (No. 807).—The installation meeting of the above chapter took place on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Club, St. Giles-street, when Ex. Comp. A. J. Berry, P.G. Std.Br., M.E.Z. elect, was, with the usual ceremonies, placed in the chair of First Principal for the ensuing twelve months. The chapter was opened in due form and was constituted as follows: Comps. S. N. Berry, P.G.O., M.E.Z.; A. J. Berry, H.; J. B. Bridgman, P.G. Std., J.; Edwin Baldwin, P.G.S.E., S.E.; Geo. Green, P.G. Std., S.N.; H. A. W. Reeves, P.S.; Thos. Campling, 1st Asst.; Henry Rosling, 2nd Asst.; G. Baxter, P.G.S., P.G.S.N., Z. 213, Treas.; J. W. Brown, O. (*Freemason*); W. Murrell, Janr. The were also present the following: Comps. J. J. Hunt, J. H. Guyton, J. Weyer, W. Shorten. Among the visitors were Comps. Jas. Dunsford, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C. G. B. Kennett, H. 52; A. D. Stone, 100; J. Stanley, P.Z., P.G.R.; Thos. Isley, J. J. Hosken, F. E. Linging, 213.

The ceremony of installing the First Principal was ably performed by Comp. E. Baldwin; of installing Comp. J. B. Bridgman as H. by Comp. A. J. Berry; and of installing Comp. Geo. Green, as J. by Comp. J. B. Bridgman. The following officers having at the last convocation been duly elected were invested with the collars of their office: Comp. E. Baldwin, S.E.; Thos. Mackley (by proxy), S.N.; H. A. W. Reeves, P.S.; Thos. Campling, 1st A.S.; H. Rosling, 2nd A.S.; G. Baxter, Treas.; J. W. Browne, O.; and W. Murrell, Janitor. Before closing the chapter hearty votes of thanks were proposed and seconded to Comps. S. N. Berry, the I.P.Z., and Edwin Baldwin, for their services during the past twelve months, and for their exertions used in resuscitating the chapter, which votes were respectively ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the chapter. The chapter was then closed in ancient and solemn form, at the conclusion of which the charge dismissing the companions was exceedingly well rendered by Comp. S. N. Berry.

The companions then adjourned to supper, at the conclusion of which the usual Royal Arch, loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were duly given and acknowledged. We congratulate the principals and companions of the chapter on their success.

Mark Masonry.

SIR FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 181).—The regular installation meeting of this lodge took place at the lodge-room, Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 18th inst. In consequence of an important professional engagement, Bro. John Williams Sanders, W.M. elect, was unavoidably absent, and the installation was necessarily postponed. The lodge was, however, opened by the I.P.M., Bro. Taylor, P.P.G.O., by request of the W.M., Bro. E. Hopwood, who, although present, was too indisposed for any lodge work, having only recently recovered from severe indisposition. The acting W.M. detailed the dilemma the lodge was in, and the steps that had been successfully taken to secure the installation of Bro. Sanders, he not having yet filled the chair of a Craft lodge, as required by the 6th art. of the Mark Book of Constitutions. A memorial, drawn up and signed by the principal officers of the lodge, was recommended for the favourable consideration of the M.W. Grand Master of Mark Master Masons. This document would now be acted upon at the ensuing meeting. The Audit Committee next presented their report, showing a very satisfactory balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Progress in the completion of a special P.M.'s jewel, to be presented to the first P.M. of the lodge as a founder thereof, Bro. Wigginton, P.P.G.M. O. of Works, for his able and energetic services in connection therewith, having been reported, Bro. Walls, J.W., P.P. G.S.B., gave notice of motion that a similar jewel be awarded to the two succeeding Past Masters and founders, still members of the lodge, viz., Bro. W. Hammond and W. Taylor, the Secretary and Treasurer respectively, the state of the lodge funds now being such as to admit of this previously contemplated distinction.

The presence of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., having called for an apology from the members that no formal Masonic work took place under the inspection of the R.W. Prov. G.M., a vote of thanks supervened for his kind attendance, patient consideration, and hearty assistance afforded at the deliberations of this meeting, and the sympathy on all occasions extended to the lodge where its interests were involved. The gallant Col. having responded to the vote in warm terms of recognition, stepped aside and inscribed the minute book of the lodge with a record of his approbation of the progress of the lodge, the satisfactory state of its finances and the credit due to the officers for the manner in which they had performed their duties. Letters and telegrams of apology for officers not at their post, and some lay members not able to attend having been read, and the notification of the resignation of a brother made, Bro. Jas. Stevens, P.M.,

G.M.O. &c., introduced the name of a brother in the Craft anxious to be advanced in this M.M.M. Lodge, and to become a member thereof. The name was ordered to be placed on the next regular summons of the lodge, which was duly proposed and seconded.

All Masonic business being ended, and congratulations and greetings offered from sister lodges, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellently appointed banquet, after which the usual M.M.M.'s loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to *seriatim*, special prominence being given to that of the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Middlesex and Surrey, whose genial presence graced the whole evenings harmonious proceedings.

BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 75).—The annual election meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, on Tuesday, the 10th inst. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Owen Seth, M.M. 1466, and he was unanimously elected. Bro. Seth being in attendance was advanced to the honourable Degree of a M.M.M. A ballot was taken for W.M., and Bro. W. T. Clarke, S.W. &c., was elected; the Treasurer, Bro. Geo. Smith, P.M., and Tyler, Bro. T. Hughes were re-elected. Bro. Clarke not being a P.M. of the Craft, it was resolved to petition the M.W.G.M.M. for a dispensation to enable him to be installed. The brethren present were Bros. T. J. Pulley, W.M.; H. W. Charrington, I.P.M.; J. Pearson, P.M.; W. T. Clarke, S.W.; T. Cable, J.W.; S. Peters, M.O.; J. Harrison, P.M. as S.O.; T. Holloway, as J.O.; E. Bridges, J.D. as S.D.; H. W. G. Abell, as J.D.; Rev. Geo. Rose Johnson, Chap.; W. G. Bayliss, Sec.; A. Burrows, R. of M. as I.G.; Geo. Cole, Org.; and T. Hughes, Tyler. Visitor: Bro. J. W. Lindars, 225.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).—The members of this lodge, held their annual installation festival on Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Frizington, for the purpose of installing Bro. Edward Clarke as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. R. Baxter, W.M., P.G.A.D. of C. presided, supported by his officers and a number of visitors including the following: Bros. Major Sewell, D.P.G.M.M.M., Cumberland and Westmorland; W. F. Lamony, P.M. 229, P.P.G. Sec.; Jas. Harper, P.M., 210 P.G.S.D.; W. Walker, P.M., P.G.J.D.; George Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. Treas.; W. Martin, P.M. On the minutes being confirmed, two candidates were advanced to the honourable Degree, by Bro. Dalrymple, P.M. Bro. Clarke was then presented to Bro. Lamony for installation, which ceremony was performed in a most efficient manner. The newly installed W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. B. Crag, S.W.; D. Bell, J.W.; Rev. W. Thwaites, Chap.; J. Harper, Treas.; R. Wilson, Sec.; J. Winter, M.O.; J. Ashworth, S.O.; W. Macauley, J.O.; W. Swain, R.M.; F. T. Allatt, S.D.; J. Banks, J.D.; A. Crawford, D. of C.; George Lowden, I.G.; J. Close, Tyler. A vote of thanks having been accorded to the Installing Master, Bros. Major Sewell and W. F. Lamony were both elected honorary members of the lodge, which was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, Bro. Clarke in the chair, faced by his two Wardens, Bros. Craig and Bell.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

BISCOE.—On the 23rd inst., at 5, Eastcombe-villas, Blackheath, the wife of Mr. Frederick William Biscoe, of a daughter.

SLADE.—On the 22nd inst., at Kanimbla, Fitzjohn's-avenue, Hampstead, the wife of Mr. George Penkivil Slade, of a daughter.

WOLFE.—On the 24th inst., at 5, Westbourne-place, Eaton-square, the wife of Mr. Stephen Roland Wolfe, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

SMITH—KEY.—On the 21st inst., at St. Andrew's, Holborn, by the Rev. Robert C. Nightingale, W. Towers Smith, M.R.C.S., of Kensington, to Jessie Octavia, daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Key, of Upper Phillimore-place, Kensington.

STONE—EDWARDS.—On the 21st inst., at Crediton, Richard Charles Stone, of Balham, Surrey, to Louisa Madeline Edwards, of Crediton, Devonshire.

DEATHS.

BRAITHWAITE.—On the 21st., at the Vicarage, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, the Rev. Robert Braithwaite, aged 65 years.

JOYCE.—On the 22nd inst., at 23, Seafeld-road, Brighton, Mr. Francis Joyce, in his 83rd year.

SALT.—On the 21st inst., at Woodhouse Eaves, the Rev. George Salt, M.A., for many years Rector of St. Bridget's, Chester, in his 55th year.

TATE.—On the 20th inst., at Richmond, Surrey, Mr. Robert Tate, aged 86.

The Universal Craft, no less than our valued contemporary, the London *Freemason*, are to be congratulated upon the fact that this representative Masonic journal has just entered upon its fifteenth year and volume. It is very able, very interesting, and we are glad to know very successful. Its publisher, Bro. George Kenning, is a most enterprising craftsman, and its editor, our friend and Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain, is one of the most learned and versatile writers in the Fraternity. Long may he live to continue to dispense Masonic light and knowledge. *The Freemason* and the *Keystone* began their career in the newspaper world about the same time, both have been favored with the confidence of the Craft, and we are proud to know that the two are in accord on all leading Masonic subjects. We wish our contemporary, and its much esteemed editor and publisher, ever increasing success in spreading abroad the principles and news of the Craft for the information of its members.—*Keystone*.

The Theatres.

The well known and fashionable Gaiety Theatre most admirably deserves the name of "Gaiety,"—taken from the French "Gaieté," often called "Gaité,"—for it is a most gay and pleasant house. Under the "regime" of Mr. Hollingshead it has won a great reputation for a strong company and attractive representations, many of which some of our readers will no doubt pleasantly recall. "Aladdin" is now its principal attraction, which has an interest for old and young. It takes back the old to the "Arabian Nights rehearsed in bed;" as Hood used to say—

The fairy tale in schooltime read,
By stealth 'twixt verb and noun,

or studied under the lid of a "scob" at Winchester Old School, as Sherer tells us so well and so charmingly in his "Recollections of Egypt." It delights the young in that, if they read anything at all just now, they still do condescend to approve of the "Arabian Nights." But "allons," we will not be "shirty." "Aladdin" is set forth with all that gorgeousness of effect and minuteness of detail which delight the visitors and distinguishes the management of the Gaiety. Our excellent and able Bro. E. Terry is, as usual, inimitable and unapproachable in his special line, and is nightly greeted with cheers and laughter all through his unlagging and admirable impersonation of the fell magician, *Abanazar*. *Aladdin* himself is well represented by the "verve" and freshness and buoyant energy of Miss Farren, always a "grata persona" to the full rows of the Gaiety. Miss Kate Vaughan's very graceful acting as *Badrabadour*, and her still more graceful dancing, were the means of obtaining much hearty and well-merited applause frequently repeated. *Punch* said a little time back that Miss Connie Gilchrist was both a "pro and con" in her own person, which we think is hardly a sufficient compliment to her, or a due representation of her undoubted powers and great popularity. As for the magician's slave, *So Shi*, Mr. Royce—we beg his pardon, we believe he is Bro. Royce for us—he was simply appalling, and equally startled and delighted the audience; while Mr. Dallas, as *Ice King*, most decorously lamented "her late husband's time." We need hardly say that the other characters, represented by Miss Phillis Broughton and many more, were very ably rendered, and that the grouping and scenery were very effective. If we may judge by the hearty laughter and frequent encores, the full house departed highly satisfied with an evening of "harmless gaiety."

We have much pleasure in recording another triumph for the management of the Queen's Theatre, Manchester, over the pantomime, entitled "Aladdin," which has been written by Mr. J. T. Deane, and which has been played to crowded houses at both morning and evening performances. Our old friends, Bro. Joseph Bracewell *Widow Mustapha*; Mr. Charles Stevens, *The Grand Vizier*; and John K. Walton, *Kasim*; are again to the fore and carrying everything before them, while the charming Miss Grace Huntley again plays the hero of the pantomime. The scenery (most of it painted by our old friend, Mr. W. R. Young) is very good, as are the costumes, which are certainly superior to those of last year. The dialogue is witty and in many respects original, but the pleasure of the visitors is greatly enhanced, and the success of the pantomime in a great measure attributable to the business thrown into it by those admirable artists, Messrs. Stevens and Bracewell. To say that the first named gentleman causes peals of laughter by his incessant drollery, his quips and asides is to repeat what all Manchester playgoers are fully aware of, whilst the activity and renewed youth which is displayed by an old friend *Joe* is a cause for wonder and delight; in fact, to see the Queen's pantomime without these two comedians would be something akin to witnessing "Hamlet" without the hero and *Laertes*. Miss Grace Huntley is, to our thinking, scarcely so vivacious and lively as last year, nevertheless, she is earnest in her endeavours to make the characters as interesting as possible. Mr. J. K. Walton makes the most of his part, and causes a great deal of merriment by his antics as the magician's slave. The rest of the characters are well sustained, and all seem to work with right goodwill to please their patrons, and to make the pantomime what it undoubtedly is, a great success. A notable feature is the willow pattern plate scene, which is very pretty and deserving of praise to the artist, Bro. Spong. The dresses, too, of the ballet in this scene being of pale blue, trimmed with silver ornaments, harmonize with the scene, and make a charming *tout ensemble*. It is also in this scene that some score of the ballet, who are not hooded but clogged, execute a clog dance à la Haverly Minstrels, finishing with statuesque tableaux, which, aided by the limelight, present a graceful *coup-d'œil*. These tableaux were loudly applauded, and a portion had to be repeated. Altogether the courteous manager, Bro. J. C. Emerson, must be heartily congratulated on another triumph.

Notwithstanding all the counter attractions at the various places of amusement in the metropolis, the Alhambra still holds its own against all comers. Since the production of "Black Crook," on 3rd December last, nearly a quarter of million of people have been drawn by the "crook" to see the pretty opera. Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was there one evening lately, as also the Right Hon. J. Brand, the Speaker of the House of Commons, who doubtless found, after sitting all day engaged on the scheme of reform of Parliamentary procedure, that a few hours in recreation tended to ease the mind and prepare him for another day's work. Mr. Harry Paulton, the writer of the piece, although a prominent character as *David Lion*, has not given to himself so popular a part as was assigned to him in the last opera. Perhaps the solos are reduced to give place to the ballets, of which there are now three, and certainly no expense seems to have been spared in putting them on the stage. The dances of the *première danseuse*, Madames Percival, Gilbert, and Peroldi, and the efficient chorus cannot be too highly spoken of. As we have already noticed this piece, we shall not again go over the ground by describing it minutely, but must add a word as to the singing of Miss Lizzie Cootie, who plays *Gabrielle*. Nor only in her duet with Mr. Harry Paulton is she encored, but thrice is she called to sing her pretty song, "Nobody knows as I know," every verse winding up with "A woman is all make believe." We don't

know how our lady readers will agree with this, nor even, we should hope, our readers of the Craft. We trust that this is only the experience of the few. However, it brings much laughter during its singing from the audience. Bro. W. Holland has just been appointed manager of this theatre, and we shall be surprised if he does not try and keep Miss Lizzie Cootie permanently on the staff. This talented young lady is, together with her brothers and sisters, a member of the Church and Stage Guild. Mr. Harry Paulton's song, "Where can my little brother be?" is amusing in its words, which deal with the popular topics of the day, and has its own author to sing it. We wish the management every success.

Music.

M. Ambrose Thomas's "Mignon," the fourth of the operas produced by the Carl Rosa Company this season, was performed on Friday evening last, and much as had been expected by the public in the way of excellence, their expectations were more than realised. The opera is one well suited for adaptation to the English lyric stage, and, as it has already been played very frequently by the company, the artistes were quite at home in their respective characters, the consequence being that a better performance, as a whole, has seldom been heard. Miss Julia Gaylord looked and played the character of the heroine to perfection, while her singing, especially in the most pathetic passages, well merited the applause with which her successful efforts were greeted. Miss Georgina Burns, as *Filina*, entered thoroughly into the spirit of the character; while so brilliant was her rendering of the polonaise "I am Titania," that it had to be repeated. Bro. Barton McGuckin, who made his *début* as *Wilhelm*, scored an undoubted success. As an actor, he exhibited but few signs of that inexperience one naturally looks for in the *débutant*, while his singing—as those who have enjoyed the privilege of hearing him in the concert room will readily imagine—was marked by genuine ability. Messrs. Leslie Crotty and Lyall were admirable as *Lothario* and *Laertes* respectively. Mr. Brooklyn played *Antonio*; and Mr. Betjemann was *Giarno*. The chorus was effective, and the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Pew, contributed their share to the general excellence of the performance.

Mr. Ernest Crooke, a pupil of Mr. J. Carrodus, and Society of Arts scholar at the National Training School for Music, gave a violin recital on Wednesday last, at the Royal Academy of Music. His style and execution created a very favourable impression among the numerous audience assembled. Mr. Crooke was assisted by Miss Annie Marriott, Miss Edith Millar, Mr. Joseph Tapley, and Mr. Herbert Sharpe.

On Thursday last a grand ballad concert was given by Mr. Clement Hoey, at the Royal Victoria Hall, Waterloo Bridge-road. There was an excellent programme provided, which was greatly appreciated by the audience.

Science.

Perhaps few things in the history of mechanical science have proved of greater importance than the improvements that have been made of late years in the manufacture of iron and steel; the importance of which, in its application to heavy drop hammers, and such like contrivances for forgings, now required in the making of heavy ordnance, marine engines, &c., has necessarily added considerably to the strain and wear and tear of steam hammers, rendering the use of mild tough cast steel of great value. Our esteemed Bro. Allan C. Wylie, of St. Cannon-street, E.C., whose name is familiar in the world of mechanical science in successfully raising sunken vessels, floating docks, &c., has just patented some improvements in the construction of the well-known Condie's moving cylinder steam hammers, by which means it will bear a tensile strain of 31 tons to the square inch, and this he guarantees to stand the hardest work they may be required to do for a period of ten years, thus insuring the most perfect steam hammer in the world. Our worthy Bro. Wylie, while making the liberal arts and sciences his study, "as Masons are encouraged to do in the performance of their Masonic duties," has not neglected those other important duties required of Masons, which is at once the foundation and keystone of our whole Masonic structure, having served all the offices in the lodge, the Gresham, No. 860, and held Grand Office in the Province of Herts, and is this year one of the Stewards to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. May he be as successful in his benevolent efforts for the Institution as he has hitherto been in his mechanical genius, we feel sure, is the fervent desire of all who know him.

Last week's *Knowledge* contains an interesting article on a recently published treatise by Col. Young, Professor of Astronomy in the College of New Jersey, U.S.A., on "The Sun." In a footnote reference is made to the adoption by that learned professor of the following curious illustrations employed by Professor Mindenhall for the purpose of conveying something like a finite idea of the distance of our earth from the centre of the planetary system. "If," says the latter, "we could imagine an infant with an arm long enough to enable him to touch the sun and burn himself, he would die of old age before the pain could reach him, since, according to the experiments of Helmholtz and others, a nervous shock is communicated only at the rate of about 100 feet per second, or 1,637 miles a day, and would need more than 150 years to make the journey. Sound would do it in about fourteen years if it could be transmitted through celestial space, and a cannon ball in about nine, if it were to move uniformly with the same speed as when it left the muzzle of the gun"—the initial velocity of a shot from a rifled cannon is between 1500 and 1600 feet per second. A further illustration by Professor Young himself is pronounced by the editor of our contemporary to be "still more impressive." It is as follows: "While the earth is travelling twenty miles along her circular path, her path deviates from the tangent at the first point of the arc of twenty miles by only one-eighth of an inch. This is the distance which the sun, with all his tremendous attractive energy, draws the earth towards him in a second of time."

The same journal contains an article by the editor on the "Precession of the Equinoxes," in which note is taken of a method for determining the age of the Great Pyramid, which, for architectural and other reasons, has so many attractions for members of our Craft. It seems that the star "Alpha Draconis" or "Thuban" was nearest the Pole about 2700 years B.C.—the word "ago" is used, but obviously this is an error—"but, of course, it was the Pole Star for a long time before and after the period when it was nearest the Pole (just as Alpha of the Little Bear is now the Pole Star, though some 300 years will elapse before it is at its nearest to the Pole)." In determining the age of the Great Pyramid, the Editor takes this "Alpha Draconis" when it is at a certain definite distance from the Pole, namely $3^{\circ} 40'$, and from it as a centre with the distance stated as his radius describes on an accompanying map, a circle which cuts the pole in two points, one of which corresponds to about 3350 years B.C., the other to about 2170 B.C. Now, "either of these," he goes on to say, "would correspond with the position of the descending passage in the Great Pyramid; but Egyptologists tell us there can also lately be no doubt that the later epoch is far too late. If, then, we regard the slant passage as intended to bear on the Pole Star at its sub-polar passage, we get the date of the Pyramid assigned as about 3350 years B.C., with a probable limit of error of not more than 200 years either way."

At the meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society, held on Monday afternoon, the chair was taken, in the unavoidable absence of the President, Sir Thos. E. Colebrooke, Bart., M.P., by Major-General Sir Henry C. Rawlinson, K.C.B., F.R.S. Many ladies were present, and the ballot was taken for the election of new members. Several presentations to the Society were announced and received due acknowledgment. Sundry papers were read and discussed, and the meeting then adjourned to the 20th February.

We learn from the *Athenæum* that the British stations fixed for the observation of the transit of Venus on the 6th of December next, are Jamaica and Barbuda, one of the Caribbee Islands, in the West Indies, the Bermudas and the Falklands, the Cape of Good Hope, Madagascar, New Zealand, and Sydney and Melbourne in Australia. If the weather is favourable, the first part of the transit will be visible in England, especially in the south-western counties.

We gather from the same authority that Mr. Ellis, of Manchester, offers a premium of £500 for the best approved system of electric lighting.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. P. D. Donnelly, R.E., has succeeded Mr. Norman McLeod as Assistant Secretary to the Science and Art Department, South Kensington.

The Zoological Society of New South Wales, which has been highly successful in its attempts to introduce trout and perch into that part of Australia, are now renewing their efforts to introduce salmon, and to that end have applied for and received from the United States Fish Commission two boxes, containing 40,000 ova. These have been safely deposited in hatching boxes at Bowenfels.

Art.

Mr. Henry Woods, painter, and Mr. G. F. Bodley, architect, have been elected Associates of the Royal Academy.

The dinner to Mr. Watts, R.A., which was to have taken place at the Grosvenor Gallery on Wednesday, has been indefinitely postponed.

According to the *Athenæum*, and on the authority of the French *Moniteur des Arts*, M. Meissonier, who has recovered from his recent severe illness, refused an offer of 80,000 francs, made him by an amateur, for a portrait he made during his illness of himself, sick, wrapped in a dressing gown, and reclining on a fauteuil.

The deaths are announced of M. Vély, French painter and designer, M. Chéret, decorative painter, M. de Longpérier, French numismatist, and Signor Dupré, Italian sculptor, who, though of French extraction, was born at Sienna.

The Municipality of Nice has agreed on a loan of ten million francs for a school of art, the rebuilding of the theatre, the terrible conflagration of which is, no doubt, still in the recollection of our readers, and other improvements.

In a letter which appeared in a recent number of the *Academy*, Mr. W. M. Flinders Petrie describes at length the result of the excavations he had been carrying on at the "Gheezeh Pyramids, in October and November last, under the authorisation of M. Maspero, "not for obtaining portable antiquities, but for deciding questions of architecture and measurement." From this we learn that in the case of the Great Pyramid, the casing and pavement "have been found *in situ*, at about the middle of the west, east, and south sides; it was already exposed on the north side, on which alone it has been hitherto known." As to the second Pyramid, it appears that its "peribolus walls" have been "cleared in many parts, showing that they are all carefully built and not of 'heaped stone rubbish,' as had hitherto been supposed. Also, the so-called 'lines of stone rubbish' on the west side of the pyramid prove to be all built walls, forming a series of long galleries, about sixty in number, each about 100 ft. long, 9 ft. wide, and 7 ft. high, with ends and thresholds of hewn limestone." These, Mr. Petrie says, would serve to house two or three thousand men, and he conjectures they may have been the workmen's barracks. Somewhat similar discoveries have been made at the third Pyramid, and it is later on added, as an important fact, that "the Great Pyramid proves to be several feet smaller than hitherto supposed."

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. A. J. Altman, C.C., presided at a meeting of the Aldersgate Club, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.

Bro. Jarvis, Grand Master of the Council, Mystic Temple of Ontario, of the A. and A. Rite of Memphis, was presented by the members of Union Lodge, No. 380, G. R. C., London, with a magnificent silver tea-service, valued at 150 dollars. The presentation took place on the 12th inst., in the lodge-rooms. The gift was accompanied by a flattering address, which was read by Bro. E. R. Robinson, the newly-elected W.M. of the lodge. Bro. Jarvis made an eloquent and fitting reply.

Bro. Bulkely Hughes, M.P., for Carnarvon borough, is in a very critical state, his advanced age adding to the anxiety occasioned by his long illness.

Bro. George Knight was installed as Worshipful Master of the Porchester Lodge, No. 27, of Mark Masons, at Newbury, at the last meeting of the lodge. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Pulley, S.G.D. P.G. Sec. Berks and Oxon, who also, on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, presented a valuable jewel to Bro. Bance in recognition of his efficient services as W.M. of the lodge during the past year. The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed.

At the usual monthly meeting of the Lodge of Israel (1502) in the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family of the late Bro. Professor Prag, who since the foundation of the lodge has filled the office of Chaplain.

The cost of the real-estate on which the new Masonic Temple in Toledo, Ohio, stands was, in round numbers, 25,000 dollars. The cost of the building is 50,000 dollars. The interests are carefully and economically handled, and the prospects are that a handsome sum can be placed yearly in the sinking fund to enable the Directors to meet their engagements promptly.—*Voice of Masonry*.

Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold George Duncan Albert, Duke of Albany, K.G., K.T., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., has been gazetted Colonel in the Army.

Comp. A. J. Berry, P.G.S.B., was duly installed first Principal of the Cabell Chapter, No. 807, Norwich, on Thursday, the 12th instant.

The committee of General Purposes of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons recommend that four additional Grand Officers be created in Grand Chapter, to be named Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies and 2nd, 3rd and 4th Grand Standard Bearers.

Bro. W. P. Treloar has been appointed by the continuing trustees of the St. Bride's parochial charities to fill vacancy in the body of elective trustees, and the appointment is approved by the Charity Commissioners.

Bro. Sir John Bennett presided at the annual meeting of the City Waiters' Provident and Pension Society, held on Friday at the Guildhall Tavern.

The Masonic Veteran Association of Central New York held their third annual meeting on December 27th, 1881. Bro. James S. Leach was elected President. The association numbers forty-six members. The most prominent object on the badge worn by the member is a representation of the Great Pyramid of Cheops.

III. Bro. Richard Wilson was installed M.W.S. of the Leodiensis Rose Croix Chapter, at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, on Tuesday, the 17th inst.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., delivered a reading explanatory of the entire ceremonies of the first Degree, at a meeting of the Panmure Lodge of Instruction, No. 720, at the Balliam Hotel, Balliam, on Wednesday last.

The *Pembrokeshire Herald* announces the successful opening on the 4th inst., of the new Masonic Hall, at Milford Haven, by V.W. Bro. Lord Kensington, P.S.G.W. The building has been erected for the use of St. David's Lodge, No. 366, from plans prepared by Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks. Middlesex, W.M. 1949.

A CORRECTION - We have on several occasions when noticing the excellent productions of the Brothers Douglass at the Standard Theatre, spoken of Mr. Richard Douglass as Bro. Douglass. That clever artist is not yet a member of the Craft, but his brother, the gifted author and manager, has twice passed the chair.

We are glad to record a decided improvement in the health of Bro. Alderman Knight. He is able to attend to business partially, and there are hopes that at the end of the three months' leave of absence given him by the Court of Aldermen, he will return to his public duties.—*City Press*.

For the information of our general readers we may mention that, in ancient times, Clare Castle, Suffolk, was one of the strongholds of the Crown, and was the residence of the Earls of Clare. The Honor of Clare is still the property and prerogative of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany's second title of Earl of Clarence is derived from this ancient town; and it is also from this that the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 1823, Clare, derives its name.

Bro. the Right Honourable Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire, has signified his intention to visit the Zetland Lodge, No. 1005, at the Masonic Hall, Gloucester, on Wednesday, April 12th.

The nuptials of Bro. H.I.H. the Prince Demetrius Rhodocanakis, of Scio, Grand Master Mason of Greece, and Grand Cross of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple, for Scotland, with Mademoiselle Despina Canaris, second daughter of Captain Thrasivoulos Canaris, R.N., M.P. for Eretria, &c., youngest son of Admiral Constantine Canaris, the celebrated hero of the Greek revolution, late Prime Minister of Greece, &c., were celebrated on the 24th December last, without pomp, owing to the recent death of His Imperial Highness's mother, in the beautiful little church dedicated to St. Peter and to St. Paul, and situated in the grounds of the family estate Gypseli, near Athens.

Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., addressed his constituents at Cheltenham on Monday, and received a vote of confidence.

Bro. W. Fieldson, Editor of the *Norwich Argus*, was, at the last meeting of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, installed W.M. at the White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

Bro. William Holland, late of the Surrey Theatre and North Woolwich Gardens, has been appointed manager of the Alhambra Theatre, and commenced his duties on Monday last.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has kindly granted the use of the Egyptian Hall on February 28th next for a *conversazione*, for the purpose of promoting the interests of the City of London Society of Artists, and exhibiting sketches and works of art, to be billeted for amongst the fellows and subscribers to the society.

Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire, was present at a highly successful performance of the "Messiah," given in the large hall of Malvern College.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has fixed Wednesday, February 15th, for the dinner on behalf of the Royal Association in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb, Oxford-street, which will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern.

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, the number of patients under treatment for the week ending January the 21st was 943.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has signed the petition to Grand Lodge for a warrant to form a new lodge in connection with the Junior Gresham Club.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, and the whole of the Provincial Officers, were present at the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, at the Freemasons' Club, Langport, on Thursday, the 19th inst., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. John Brickwood as W.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. Sir John Bennett delivered an address on "The Next Reform Bill" on Monday last, at the New Hall, Eastbourne.

Bro. Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P., addressed his constituents at St. Asaph, on Monday last.

Bro. John Derby Allerost has, we are pleased to announce, recovered the picture, "The Monarch of the Meadows," which was stolen from 108, Lancaster-gate, on September 14th, 1881. A man, giving the name of David Atkins, describing himself as a dealer in second-hand books, and giving his address at 124, Bayham-street, Camden-town, was charged at the Marylebone Police-court, on Tuesday, with being concerned with another man, not in custody, with stealing it, and remanded for a week.

Bros. Boord and Baron de Worms addressed their constituents at New-cross on Tuesday.

Bros. Charles H. Meyer and Col. M. Richards Muckle represented Philadelphia at a farewell banquet, given by the German club, to Baron Von Schlozer, German Minister at Washington.

Mr. George Trevor Harley Thomas, L.S.A., ophthalmic assistant, St. George's Hospital, son of Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., was, on Friday last, the 20th inst., admitted a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, will preside at the sixty-seventh anniversary festival of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, which will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 23rd February.

Bro. W. J. Johns, P.G.R. Cornwall, was installed W.M. of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, at the last meeting of that lodge, by Bro. T. Chirgwin, P.S.G.W. Cornwall.

Bro. Chas. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, has sent to York College, of the Rosicrucian Society, some of the immortal and sprigs of yew from the casket of our late Bro. Garfield.

Bro. J. L. Toole has been delighting the Norwich public by some of his excellent acting, with the Folly Company, at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, during the past week.

Bro. J. L. Toole and Company gave a private theatrical performance at Sandringham House, on Thursday, the 19th inst., having gone over from Bury St. Edmunds, for the purpose. The pieces selected were "Our Clerks," "The Steeplechase," and "Ici on parle Francaise."

Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., F.R.S., entertained at dinner the head office staff of the Alliance British and Foreign Life and Fire Assurance Company, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Sir Moses has been for fifty-eight years president of the Company.

Bro. George Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Notts, was presented with a testimonial in the shape of a case of silver fish and dessert knives and forks, at the annual meeting of the Pelham Lodge, No. 930. The case bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. George Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., by the brethren of the Pelham Lodge of Freemasons, in token of their appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered to the lodge since its formation to the present time. Worksop, January 19th, 1882."

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, and the Countess of Rosslyn, have arrived in Carlton-gardens from Easton Lodge, Dunmow, for the season.

Bro. R. Richardson Gardener, M.P., has had conferred upon him by the King of Italy the order of Commander of the Royal Order of the Crown of Italy. This is in token of the interest and care bestowed by Mr. Gardener on the members of the Milan Blind Institution during their visit to London. The Milan *Perseveranza*, in announcing this, says: "His Majesty the King, on the proposal of the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Signor Mancini), has conferred the title of Commander of the Crown of Italy on Mr. Richardson Gardener, member of the English Parliament. The distinction has been conferred upon him as a token of gratitude for the interest and care taken by him in behalf of the members of the Milan Blind Institution during the visit that those unfortunate creatures paid to London."

The first winter dinner of the Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188, was held at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, when there was a large attendance, and a pleasant evening was passed.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has offered a champion cup for competition at a show to be opened at the Agricultural Hall on February 28th, under the auspices of the English Cart Horse Society.

Bro. J. D. Allerost has given £10 towards the erection of a new Primitive Methodist chapel at Worcester.

The meetings of the Islington Lodge of Instruction are now held at the Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, E.C. (where the Lodge was originally established), at seven p.m., under the direction of Bro. J. L. Mather, P.P.G.D.C., Herts, who will take the chair at the next meeting, when the favour of your attendance is particularly requested.

Bro. Thomas W. Cashburn Bush, P.M. and Sec. Temple Bar Lodge, 1728, has been unanimously elected W.M. of the Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185. His installation will take place at the Guildhall Tavern on the 20th proximo.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey entertained the gentlemen of the Bicester Hunt at breakfast on the occasion of the meet at Middleton Park, on Tuesday. A good run was afterwards enjoyed.

Bro. George Gabb was, on Monday last, at Auderton's Hotel, unanimously elected W.M. of the Burgoyne Lodge, 902, for the ensuing twelve months.

Bro. Geo. Jewson was, on Tuesday the 10th inst., duly installed W.M. of the Social Lodge, No. 93, Norwich.

Bro. R. M. Johnson has been elected Grand Commander, and Bro. James A. Henry Grand Recorder, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Arkansas.

Bro. W. Cartwright, J.P., P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Secretary Staffordshire, was presented with an admirable portrait of himself, to adorn the lodge room, and of an illuminated address, testifying to his Masonic, magisterial and public services during the last thirty-seven years, by the members of the Sutherland Lodge, No. 460, Newcastle-under-Lyme, on Friday, January 6th.

Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, who was accompanied by lady Truscott, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Truscott, and Mrs. H. H. Crawford, presided on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., at a musical entertainment, given at the Trinity School, Marylebone, in aid of the organ and chancel improvements of Trinity Church, Marylebone, of which the Rev. Prebendary Cadman is the rector.

Bros. Jones and Barber, the lessees of the Alexandra Palace, gave free admission to the palace and the pantomime, "Hop o'my Thumb," to the children of the Board School of the district on Friday. The number of children was about 2000.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon and the Countess of Carnarvon, after spending a few days at Cannes, have left for Mentone. They will probably remain in the South of France and in Italy for another month.

Four manuscripts of Bro. Robert Burns, consisting of two letters and two poems, were offered for sale in Dowell's Rooms, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, but none of them found a purchaser at the reserve prices which had been fixed. The letters, which were of date 1787 and 1789—one being addressed to Dr. Moore, London, and the other to Mr. William Nicol, of the High School, St. Patrick's-square, Edinburgh, were valued by their owner at £30 each; and the poems—"Queen Mary's Lament," 56 lines, and "Lord Gregory," 20 lines—had reserved prices put upon them of £20 and £10 respectively.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., had decided not to publish meets of his hounds in the neighbourhood of Whitchurch during the stay of the Empress of Austria in Cheshire, in hopes thereby of lessening the great crowds of horsemen and pedestrians which last February and March caused so much annoyance to the members of the hunt, and which also proved so detrimental to sport, crops, and fences. Bro. Sir Watkin W. Wynn's hounds met at Uxcoed on Saturday, when several foxes were found, and a magnificent day's sport resulted.

Bro. H. J. Johnson, P.M. No. 1791, was on Tuesday last installed as W.M. of Industry Lodge, No. 180, at Freemasons' Hall. A report will appear in our next.

The Universal Chapter, No. 181, was consecrated on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, by Comp. Thomas Fenn, P.G.S.B., assisted by Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., and the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, 1st G.A.S. Comp. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.S.B., was installed Z. A report will appear in our next.

On Wednesday, the 18th inst., Mr. W. A. Baskcomb, Chief Clerk to Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, produced, with brilliant success, "Trial by Jury," at Sandringham. The Bowling Alley was converted into an elegant bijou theatre, whilst the scene of the Court of Justice was placed upon the stage in a most perfect manner. Without a single hitch the performance passed off, the acting, music, and singing being admirable, evincing long and careful rehearsal. In a most charming manner the plaintiff was represented by Mrs. Baskcomb (Associate of the London Academy of Music), musical governess to the three young Princesses of Wales; the defendant of Mr. Crosse (organist of Sandringham Church) was extremely good, as well as the counsel for the plaintiff and usher, by Messrs. Bryant and Townshend. The judge was played in a most artistic and remarkable style of perfection by Mr. Baskcomb; in fact, it was a perfect study, well meriting the warmest congratulations from the Prince and Princess of Wales and their distinguished guests, amongst whom were His Serene Highness the Prince Liechtenen, Earl and Countess Sydney, the Earl and Countess of Romney, the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor and Mrs. Wellesley, the Hon. Spencer Ponsonby Fane, C.B.; General Sir S. Horsford, Admiral Sir Astley Cooper Key, Sir Edward Sullivan, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Dighton and Lady Probyn, and the Princesses Louisa, Victoria, and Maud of Wales.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, February 4, 1882.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28.

- Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
1679, Henry Muggerridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
1871, Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow.
Red Cross Con. 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Lodges of Instruction.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Alexandra Palace, Masenic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.
King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Mare-st., Hackney, at 7.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30.

- Lodge 70, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
Mark Grand Masters Lodge, 8a, Red Lion-sq.

Lodges of Instruction.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, S to 10.
Sincerity, Ship Tav., Hart Street, Mark Lane, 7.30.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, S.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., 7.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, S till 10.
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.
Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31.

- Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Lodges of Instruction.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.

- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Becontree, Red Lion, Leyton-stone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at 8.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley.
Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

- Grand Chapter, at 6 for 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney.
1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
Chap. 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.

Lodges of Instruction.

- Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Courts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., S.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.
United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, S.
Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
1351, St. Clement's Dances, 265, Strand.
1391, United Service, Greyhound Tav., Richmond.
1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H., Camberwell.
1672, Mornington, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, M.H., S. Air-st., Regent-st.
1705, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.
1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms, Millbank, S.W.
Chap. 2, S. James's, F.M.H.
9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.
199, Duke of Connaught.

Lodges of Instruction.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, Cook Tav., St. Martin's-ert., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st., Covent Garden, at 7.45.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Stockwell, Cook Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Marsion House Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

- Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
899, Hornsey, F.M.H.
1489, Marquis of Ripon, 99, Balls' Pond-road.
1027, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
1815, Penge, Thickett Hot., Anerley.
Chap. 8, British, F.M.H.
10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
Mark 8, Thistle, F.M. Tav., Gt. Queen-st.

Lodges of Instruction.

- Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
Unite 1 Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammernsmith, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, New Bridge, at 7.30.
Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.
Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas, Cannon-st. Hot.
1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
Rose Croix Chap. 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, February 4, 1882.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30.

- Lodge 89, Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield.
148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
613, Unity, M.H., Southport.
703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
Mark Lodge 143, Birchall, Bull Hot., Preston.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31.

- Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
979, Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal Hot., Crewe.
986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
287, Unanimity, Dog and Partridge, Stockport.
484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.

- Lodge 533, Eaton, M.H., Congleton.
580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
Chap. 1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

- Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
1032, Townley-Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Springs.
1070, Starkie, M.H., Southport.
1473, Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle.
1595, Earl of Chester, M.H., Lymm.
1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

- Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
1375, Didsbury, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
1561, Morccambe, M.H., Morecambe.

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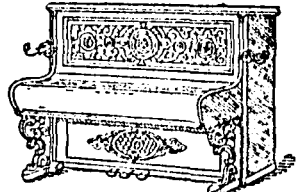
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